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Nazi report reveals a shameful record

OTTAWA —

Nazi war criminals were allowed into Canada after World War II because the United States lied to the Canadian government about their status, The Toronto Star has revealed on the basis of a previously secret report obtained under the Access to Information Act.

A heavily censored copy of a report by an Ottawa historian, Alti Rodal, for the Deschenes commission was obtained by the newspaper.

The 600-page report by Rodal was kept secret by the federal government in March when it released the findings of Mr. Justice Jules Deschenes.

Deschenes, in his report, recommended that the Canadian government take immediate action against 20 suspected Nazis living in Canada and that it continue investigations against 218 others.

Two alleged Nazi war criminals, one a member of the elite SS guard, were permitted to enter Canada in 1983 because a senior member of the RCMP believed the war crimes issue was no longer relevant, the Rodal report discloses.

It charges that the senior Mountie and other key officials were people "whose sympathies inclined them towards leniency with regard to alleged Nazis," and who facilitated their entry by destroying records and disregarding regulations.

The Ottawa historian, who had access to thousands of top-secret federal documents, wrote: "It is noteworthy that this officer, described by another RCMP officer as 'quite right-wing, German and who regards the war criminals issue as blown all out of proportion by the Jewish lobby,' would have been assigned the task of security screening prospective immigrants from Germany."

Rodal said those allowed into Canada because the U.S. withheld crucial information were "persons who had rendered postwar service to U.S. intelligence and who would have been inadmissible on grounds of moral turpitude — the category for undesirable Nazi collaborators."

Ottawa considered Rodal's report too sensitive to release with the Deschenes recommendations because it could lead to identification of suspects and because it presents a stinging indictment of postwar government policy with regard to war criminals, The Toronto Star story said.

It reported that the U.S. justice department disclosed in 1983 that after World War II American spy agencies knowingly employed and protected alleged Nazis — including Klaus Barbie, the notorious Butcher of Lyons — in order to obtain intelligence information about the Soviet Union.

Rodal's report claims that Pope Pius XII's intervention with former Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent in 1949 led to the admission into Canada of Karol Sidor, first commander-in-chief of the Hlinka Guard, the Slovakian stormtrooper equivalent of the Romanian Iron Guard, in February, 1950.

Jules Deschenes

Pierre Trudeau

Sidor died in 1953.

The Ottawa historian claims St. Laurent was involved in permitting the entry into Canada of four Vichy French collaborators, including Jacques de Bernonville. She also charges that the PM's Office tipped off Count de Bernonville of pending action against him in 1951, allowing him to flee to Brazil. He was found strangled in his Rio de Janeiro home in 1972.

Count de Bernonville arrived in Canada disguised as a priest under the false name of Jacques Benoit. Benoit was a member of the Canadian Parachute Battalion, killed in action in August, 1944.

Rodal also claims that former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau was opposed to taking action against alleged Nazi war criminals living in Canada. The Toronto Star says she attempted to detail instances where Trudeau had showed such opposition, but the Privy Council Office deleted that part of her report.

"I knew they would censor it," Rodal said in an interview with The Star. "I had included a footnote that provided instances where Trudeau was opposed."

Rodal's report also included the following information:

- **The policies of the Allies toward war criminals was ambivalent. Apprehension and prosecution of alleged Nazis was not considered a priority.**
- **Canada from 1945 to 1950 maintained a deliberate practice of not sending lists of suspected war criminals to its officials responsible for security screening.**
- **There were instances where Canadian officials decided to overlook SS tattoo marks on individuals applying for entry to Canada.**

Government survives

Stormy Knesset session ends

By
DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The stormy summer session of the Knesset, often suffused with political tension and speculation over the unity government's imminent collapse, drew to an end last week in an atmosphere of unwonted calm, indeed almost of apathy.

A last-minute effort by the Orthodox parties to push through subordinate legislation on Who is a Jew floundered in the law and constitution committee of the Knesset. And the Labor Party quietly backed away from its much-trumpeted effort to topple the government in an early-elections vote, explaining that the full legislation would have to await the new session in the fall.

The 120 MKs adjourned, therefore, for their summer break, confident (or frustrated, depending on their political identity) in the expectation of a quiet late summer in the domestic political arena.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is to visit Romania later this month where he will doubtless be regaled by President Nicolae Ceausescu as to the benefits of an international peace conference and of the PLO's representation of the Palestinian cause.

His colleague and rival, Labor leader and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, is meanwhile hoping that the parliamentary fallow period will be used by the U.S. government to press Shamir on an international conference — and either convince him, or convince themselves, that he is unalterably obdurate on this vital issue.

Peres contends that his advocacy of the international conference, far from "returning the Soviets to centre-stage in the Middle East," as its critics contend, would serve to limit and restrain their involvement.

He argues that it is naive and unrealistic to pretend that the Soviets, especially under the novel and resourceful policies of Mikhail Gorbachev, can be kept out of regional peacemaking, as they were excluded during the Kissinger years. The Labor leader insists that his party's perceived failure to bring down the unity government over the peace conference deadlock and trigger early elections is not harming it domestically.

Peres maintains that Labor did in fact, by the end of the Knesset session, amass the required majority to vote the house in dissolution — at least on a preliminary reading. But since the full legislation cannot by law be completed during the recess, he decided not to push through the dissolution bill on the first reading but rather to wait out the summer.

By the fall, Peres says privately, the picture must crystallize, both at home and abroad: either

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After the Waldheim furor . . .

Jewish leaders to meet Pope

NEW YORK (JTA) —

American Jewish leaders have accepted an invitation by the Vatican to meet with Pope John Paul II in Rome at the end of August or early September, prior to the Pope's visit to the United States and the scheduled meeting with Jewish leaders in Miami on Sept. 11.

The invitation was extended by Johannes Cardinal Willebrands, president of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, in a telephone call from Rome to Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, chairman of the international affairs department of the Synagogue Council of America (SCA) and chairman of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, (IJCIC).

After a 2½ hour meeting in the offices of the SCA, representatives of the IJCIC decided to accept the invitation.

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, international affairs director of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), told reporters that the meeting with the Pope should "clear the air" and the misunderstanding that resulted from the Pope's recent audience with President Kurt Waldheim of Austria who is accused of being a Nazi war criminal.

"There are fundamental and difficult matters to discuss," Tanenbaum told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "We want to review with the Holy See the meeting with Waldheim and the whole question of the Pope's attitude toward the Nazi Holocaust."

Tanenbaum said that the Jewish leaders, by accepting the Pope's invitation, are hopeful that the meeting "will open the way" for their participation in a meeting with the Pope in Miami on Sept. 11.

The Miami meeting was in doubt following the Pope-Waldheim meeting June 25, a meeting that angered and upset American Jewish leaders.

The Jewish community was angered not only by the invitation to Waldheim but also by the

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14 Jewish candidates run in Ontario vote

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

There will be at least 14 Jewish candidates, including eight Jewish women, seeking political office when citizens of Ontario go to the polls to elect a new provincial government on Sept. 10. In four Metropolitan Toronto ridings Jewish candidates will be competing against each other.

In calling his first election as premier, Premier David Peterson said he needs a strong mandate to help send a "clear message" to Ottawa about a free trade deal between Canada and the U.S.

As well as being Peterson's first trip to the polls since becoming premier, it will mark Progressive Conservative leader Larry Grossman's first election campaign since becoming party leader.

Premier David Peterson

When former Premier Frank Miller called the last election in May 1985, the Conservatives held a comfortable majority with 72 of the 125 seats. However after all ballots were counted, the PCs were reduced to 52 seats while the Liberals picked up 48.

While Miller prepared to govern with a minority setup, members from the three political parties were working behind the scenes attempting to determine who would form the next government. After much wheeling and dealing the Liberals and NDP hammered out an historic accord under which the NDP agreed to support a Liberal minority government for two

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Israel relieved over outcome of hearings

By
DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

There must have been sighs of relief in Jerusalem when the Senate and House select committees recently ended 11 weeks of public hearings on the Iran/Contra affair.

The 41 days of public testimony left little doubt that it was Israel that proposed to the Reagan administration that it seek an opening to moderates in Iran and that Israel continued to push the Iranian initiative when the United States was wavering.

But on the one issue that could have seriously hurt Israel with Congress, there was no hard evidence that the Israeli government knew about or had anything to do with the diversion of profits from the arms sale to Iran to the Contras.

Since the diversion was first revealed by Attorney-General Edwin Meese at a White House briefing for reporters last November, the Israeli government has denied any knowledge of the diversion. This denial has been echoed by all Israeli officials who visited Washington over the past nine months. The only evidence linking Israel to the diversion was a tenuous one from Marine Lt.-Col. Oliver North, the former National Security Council aide.

North testified that at a meeting in Washington in January, 1985, Amiram Nir, the counter-terrorism advisor to the Israeli Premier, suggested that profits from the sale of arms to Iran could be used for other purposes.

Later at a meeting in Europe between North, Nir and Manucher Ghorbanifar, the Iranian businessman who was a go-between for the dealings with Iran, North said Ghorbanifar pulled him aside and suggested the diversion to the Contras as one of the ideas to convince the reluctant North to continue the Iranian initiative.

North said that he assumed that Ghorbanifar was acting with at least the approval of Israeli intelligence, if not the government, since the late William Casey, then director of the Central Intelligence Agency, had told him the CIA believes Ghorbanifar to be an Israeli intelligence agent.

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World-National

Callousness affects view on refugees

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

When a few years ago the Vietnamese "boat people" floated around in wretched, leaky barges the compassion of the world was aroused, and no one felt their plight more keenly than did we Jews. We remembered our own wanderings across the seas, only to be turned back by nations infected by xenophobia, hardheartedness and all too often, anti-semitism. It all came down to the same sorry thing: "We don't want you." So we opened our hands and hearts to the new boat people, and we were glad we did.

Rabbi Plaut

Somehow that sentiment is forgotten today. Jews too have joined the rejectionist front and say, privately or publicly: "We don't want these new boat people," meaning Sikhs, Tamils and whoever else may yet try to come to our shores. So we too applaud a policy which sends a whole armada of warships to search the oceans for would-be refugees. What would we do with them if in fact we found any? Turn them around, let them go where they came from, we say, joining the chorus.

Recall heritage

That's also what they said in New York where an unwanted garbage barge was floating from one place to another. Are we ready to turn human beings — whose only crime is that they have lost their home and are in need of a new one — into unwanted garbage?

Jews should remember the St. Louis with its 1,128 Jewish refugees from Germany, just before the outbreak of the war in 1939. Seven hundred of them held U.S. immigration permits, but they were not to be effective for another three years. So the boat with its human cargo anchored at Havana, but only 23 were allowed to land. Here's an excerpt from Martin Gilbert's *The Holocaust* who describes what happened next:

"The rest were forced back across the Atlantic, their voyage on the St. Louis followed by the world's press and newsreel cameras. 288 found haven in Britain, while 619 were admitted by Holland, Belgium and France. Few of those refugees who returned on the St. Louis were to survive the war years." (The reason, of course, was that even those who were returned to "safe" countries would in time be caught by the Nazis and gassed.)

System needed

A sad and sorry reminder: Canada, too, was among the nations that didn't allow the St. Louis to land. Forty years later we're at it again.

We are led to believe that Parliament had to be recalled because we're in danger of being swamped by refugee claimants whose stories cannot be substantiated. All we need to stop this is a refugee determination system that is fair and quick. If in three months' time a person's status can be determined then there will be no inclination for anyone who is not truly a refugee to invest $5,000 to suffer inhuman conditions on a boat and quick rejection in Canada thereafter. It won't be worth it, and most of the current abuse of our system will thus be averted.

The very idea that this big and wealthy country sees its major agenda to be a hunt for unwanted human beings is something that causes me great distress. Instead of wasted motions let's invest a few dollars in more staff for our overseas consular agencies so that they can process more applicants in an orderly fashion and enact a morally tenable and effective refugee law.

But let's not meanwhile submit to hysterical fears that all too frequently have overtones of racial bias. "These people will be changing the nature of Canada," people say. Remember, that's what they said about us when we tried to come here in the 30s.

During The CJN vacation

Peace, war criminals prominent

By
WENDY ROSEN

During The CJN's 2-week holiday, international peace conference proponents lost no time in making their views known while real and alleged Nazi war criminals figured prominently in the news.

This summary covers a number of major events of Jewish interest during the last two weeks of July.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid made a 3-day trip to Israel to try, unsuccessfully, to convince Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to accept the idea of an international conference for Middle East peace. On his last day, he delivered a strong message to Israel — that any future peace talks must include the Palestine Liberation Organization — when he met with 12 prominent Palestinians.

Within days, U.S. President Ronald Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, meeting in Washington, agreed that an international conference on the Middle East would not be permitted to impose a solution or veto agreements reached between Israel and the Arab countries.

While on the subject of Britain, alleged Nazi war criminal Antanas Gecas will not be tried there nor extradited to Israel, the Home Office says.

Britain recently received documents from the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center on the war record of Gecas, a 71-year-old retired mining engineer in Edinburgh, who is alleged to have ordered and participated in massacres of Jews in Lithuania.

The Soviet news agency Tass reports that Feodor Fedorenko, the Nazi guard at the Treblinka death camp deported in 1984 from the U.S. and sentenced to death last year, has been executed. The Ukrainian, who came to the U.S. in 1949, was the first Nazi war criminal to be deported to the USSR.

Meanwhile, John Demjanjuk, accused of being "Ivan the Terrible" of Treblinka, is seeking a new chief counsel because Washington lawyer John Broadley is unable to replace Mark O'Connor, whom Demjanjuk fired. Israeli lawyer Yoram Sheftel and American attorney John Gill began presenting Demjanjuk's defence.

In New York, Israel's UN mission received copies of 1,600 more files — the total now is 2,447 — from the UN Nazi war crimes archive, which will be sent to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Research Institute in Jerusalem for study.

Poland joined 13 other members of the United Nations War Crimes Commission who back Israel's request that the UN's files be open to the public. The three opposing countries are France, India and Czechoslovakia.

In a related matter, a list of 244 Austrians wanted for Nazi war crimes has been located by Holocaust researchers among the U.S. army records stored at the U.S. National Archives. The list was compiled by the army in 1948 from data supplied by the War Crimes Commission.

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Also in New York, World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman recently returned from a trip to Yugoslavia and Hungary and reports that both nations have moved closer to renewing diplomatic ties with Israel after 20 years.

Staying with the international scene, India allowed Israel's national tennis team just 15 visas. Consequently, few supporters and no journalists were in New Delhi to watch Israel go down to defeat in its first-ever Davis Cup quarterfinals.

However, Israel remains in the World Group of 16 teams qualifying to play next year.

On the Israeli domestic scene, a poll by the Dahaf organization showed that the most popular politician is Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, a Likud Liberal. Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres are running neck-and-neck in popularity at 63% — 4 percentage points below Nissum — and their respective parties — Likud and Labor — picked up support.

Although inflation is running at an annual rate of 18%, it is not expected to continue so finance ministry director Emmanuel Sharon says the next national budget will be based on an annual rate of 5% to 7%.

John Demjanjuk

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid makes arrival speech at Ben-Gurion Airport. He is seen with his Israeli counterpart Shimon Peres. [RNS photo]

In a related matter, the government will cut rice subsidies, Sharon says. It has just raised the price of flour by 14% and of buns and specialized bread by 12%, reflecting the higher cost of those items. Regular bread was not affected.

The Knesset finance committee also approved a rehabilitation plan for moshavim ending a long dispute between Labor and Likud over measures to ease their financial difficulties.

The plan would cancel part of the moshavim's debt to banks and the Jewish Agency, and spread the repayment of other loans over four years.

Peres told the Knesset that the Soviet Union has agreed in principle to several significant concessions — these include an increase in the number of exit visas granted to Soviet Jews, the release of Prisoners of Conscience and expansion of religious freedom for Soviet Jews — demanded by Israel before 90-day visas were granted to a Soviet consular delegation, which arrived on July 12.

In a related matter, the U.S. state department announced that Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze will discuss human rights issues when they meet in Washington in mid September.

In San Francisco, 19 protesters were arrested for blocking the gates to the Soviet consulate. Sixteen of the protesters were arrested on three California state misdemeanors while the others were arrested on federal misdemeanor charges.

In other news:

•Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin reversed Herut Minister of Commerce and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon's order for bulldozers to level ground for a new settlement in the West Bank. Although Sharon apparently acted on his own initiative, he was aiming for swift implementation of Prime Minister Shamir's recent promise to the Tehiya Party to expand Jewish settlements in the territories.

•A leading Israeli physicist says the Arab countries have forged ahead of Israel in efforts to launch a communications satellite into space. Tel Aviv University Prof. Yuval Neeman, who also heads the Tehiya Party, said that "according to an international convention, an area is reserved for us in space, over our region ... but we are liable to lose it if we do not launch a satellite within four years."

Meanwhile, tests are being conducted at the Haifa Technion in cooperation with the U.S.'s National Aeronautical and Space Administration and other agencies.

•Israeli Supreme Court Justice Dov Levin, who also serves as head of the National Council for the Prevention of Road Accidents, has asked cabinet to include highway safety on next year's school curriculum and assign more police to enforce traffic regulations. Levin said traffic accidents have taken a higher toll in lives and injuries this year than in the same period last year, the worst on record.

•A nationwide survey on teenage sex habits has been launched by the Israel education ministry as the first step in its new policy of making sex education compulsory. Compulsory classes will begin in the next school year for students in Grade 10 and up and eventually be mandatory for all grades.

•Education Minister Yitzhak Navon will recommend that the archeological dig at Caesarea, halted by ultra-Orthodox groups claiming to protect Jewish graves, should be resumed.

•In Jerusalem, it was announced that Israel will establish a procedure for processing American tourists who may be security risks or are likely to overstay their visas. The procedures — including asking the U.S. embassy to appoint a liaison officer — were in response to "serious concern" expressed by the U.S., which said that Blacks and Arab Americans were subjected to harassment by Israeli authorities when they arrived in the country and that many were denied admission.

•The founder of a controversial yeshiva in the Moslem quarter of Jerusalem's Old City is trying to persuade city officals to place mezzuzahs on the gates of the Old City leading to the Moslem and Christian quarters. Abraham Dwek, founder of the Shuvu Banim (Birkat Avraham) Yeshiva, has not had a response yet to his request to Deputy Mayor Nissim Ze'ev (of the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party) to put mezzuzahs on the Damascus Gate, Herod's Gate, Lion's (St. Stephen's) Gate and the New Gate. Three other Old City gates already have them.

•In Jerusalem, Akiva Lewinsky has been elected the Labor Party's candidate for chairman of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency.

•Brigadier General Amos Yaron, Israeli military attache in Washington, has decided on his own volition to resign after serving 18 months in that position, the Washington correspondent of the Jerusalem Post says. Sources say Yaron, who has diplomatic immunity, is awaiting a dismissal motion — on immunity grounds — from a U.S. district court case seeking monetary damage, brought by survivors of the Shatilla camp, before he resigns.

The Canadian government refused to accept Yaron as Israeli military attache in Ottawa without citing a reason, but the rejection is believed to be because of the Shatilla incident.

•In Washington, 60 congressmen have signed a letter to Nobuo Matsunaga, the Japanese ambassador to the U.S., urging that Jerusalem be invited to a World Conference of Historical Cities to be held in Kyoto in November. The letter states that any conference "on the impact of the major cities of the world on the history of mankind would be noticeably incomplete without a discussion on the historical contributions of Jerusalem."

•Israeli spokesmen say the refusal by Shamir, Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin to grant interviews to NBC-TV correspondents following broadcast of a July 1 network documentary entitled Six Days Plus 20 Years ... A Dream is Dying is an expression of displeasure over the show which they call biased. The Foreign Press Association in Israel is looking into the situation.

•In Geneva, Hussein Ali Mohammed Hariri, the hijacker of an Air Afrique jet who murdered a French passenger there was a prisoner in Israel who was released in 1985 under an exchange supervised by the International Red Cross.

•In Jerusalem, the Supreme Court ruled that the Israeli Broadcasting Authority must reverse its policy of limiting coverage of Rabbi Meir Kahane's activities.

•Israeli military sources say that at least seven Shiite militiamen were killed and several injured by the IDF in a recent seaborne raid on south Lebanon. There were no Israeli casualties.

Catholic woman's gift of life recalled

Abe Foxman appointed new ADL director

By
SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — Whenever the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith honors a Righteous Gentile — someone who rescued Jews during the Holocaust — Abe Foxman goes over to the rescuer and, tears welling up in his eyes, clasps him or her in a giant bear hug.

In that embrace, Foxman is once again holding a very special person in his life, for each time this happens he is remembering the woman who saved his life when he was a baby.

When he was a year old, Foxman's parents, Joseph and Helen, seeing the Nazi pincers close around the Jews of Poland, entrusted him to the care of his Catholic nursemaid, Bronislawa Kurpi, who raised him as her own son in Vilna, where they fled from their home in Baranovicz. For his, and her family's protection, she baptized him as a Catholic and brought him up in that religion with the name Henryk Stanislav Kurpi.

In 1946, when Foxman was 6 years old, his parents, who had survived the war through different means — his father in a series of camps in Latvia and Estonia; his mother, an escapee from the Vilna ghetto, with Aryan papers and a job that supported the nursemaid and boy — reclaimed their son, and brought him up as a Jew.

"My father was very wise. He knew how to substitute one religion for the other without forcing," Foxman recalled with a smile. But the enormity of the Catholic woman's favor stayed with him.

In 1950, the Foxmans came to America, where they settled in Brooklyn. There, he attended Yeshiva of Flatbush.

This duality of backgrounds — a profound understanding of two different religions and cultures and an overwhelming gratitude to a Christian woman who had risked her own life to allow him his — never left Foxman. Rather, he has made use of this depth of feelings and compassion in his everyday life.

Since 1965, Foxman has worked for the ADL, beginning as assistant in its law department, then, from 1968-73, as head of the Middle Eastern Affairs department, and in 1973 as head of its International Affairs department, and closely affiliated with the ADL International Center for Holocaust Studies.

Foxman recently was appointed ADL national director, succeeding the late Nathan Perlmutter, who died July 12 after a long bout with cancer.

Foxman's accession to the directorship is "bittersweet," he told JTA. "Nate's passing leaves me very sad." Foxman plans to continue at the helm of ADL in the footsteps of his predecessor.

As a lawyer — Foxman received his law degree from New York University School of Law after graduating from the City College of New York — he has applied his legal acumen to the problem of anti-semitism. As a Holocaust survivor, Foxman has been constantly active as a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, the advisory council to the New York City Holocaust Memorial Commission and the New Jersey Advisory Council on Holocaust Education.

His children attend Hebrew day school in New Jersey. Foxman is also vice president of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

Foxman perceives anti-semitism as "a disease" for which the vaccine has not yet been developed.

"We've conquered time and space. We've reached the moon. We've developed a vaccine for smallpox. And yet, unfortunately, we have not yet come up with a vaccine against this disease.

"One would have hoped that after Auschwitz and Treblinka were laid bare for the world to see, that all the powers of the world, all the scientists, all the thinkers, would have concentrated all their efforts to eradicating this evil. Unfortunately, they haven't, and anti-semitism is here, it continues," he said.

"People say to me, what are you going to do? Unfortunately, the agenda is outlined. We don't have a slow season in our business. What we deal with is words," he added.

Abe Foxman

"We've learned that words have the power to kill, that words unchallenged, left in silence, words of bigotry, are part of our tradition. But words also have the ability to bring about good. And in those places where people spoke out and challenged, they offset the evil.

"We've also learned that the power of the word to speak out has brought about the freedom of 270,000 Soviet Jews. That the power to speak out can dampen anti-semitism, bigotry and prejudice when the powers that be, those who set the moral standard speak out. When they're silent, that only encourages."

Foxman speaks easily, swiftly, with tremendous humor, peppering his words with Hebrew phrases. His ability to communicate is a cornerstone of his work, and is enhanced by his fluency in Polish, Russian, German, Hebrew and Yiddish.

Foxman senses "something in the wind" regarding cooperation between human rights groups of different special interests. "I don't know what it is yet, but I welcome it." But, he said, "This is a new generation, and we have to reeducate."

One of Foxman's first and most cherished projects at ADL as director will be the opening Sept. 15 of the International Foundation to Sustain the Righteous Christians, founded by Encino, Calif. Rabbi Harold Schulweis and directed out of New York by psychologist Eva Fogelman, and administered by Frank Reiss.

Foxman considers the foundation "part of what the ADL is all about. And it's a way to say thank you to compensate for all that these people did."

Perlmutter's humanity, dedication remembered

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Nathan Perlmutter, who recently died in New York of cancer at age 64, received extraordinary honors for his leadership and humanity in a lifetime dedicated to battling anti-Semitism and racism.

Throughout his adult years, from the time he was a Marine infantry officer in the World War II period through his work as a lawyer, lecturer and author while serving Jewish communal organizations, Perlmutter who was national director of B'nai Brith's Anti-Defamation League, was known for his independence of viewpoint and profound understanding of Jewish and general democratic concerns.

An obituary issued by the ADL said although he underwent chemotherapy and other treatments at Sloan-Kettering Memorial Hospital from 1985, "he carried a schedule" of activities both in his office and in his travels in America and abroad. In fact, the obituary said, "Most people not close to him were not even aware of his illness."

Awarded freedom medal

The highest accolade came in June while he was on his death bed, when President Ronald Reagan named him recipient of the 1987 Presidential Medal of Freedom — America's highest civilian award — for his public service. While other Jews have received the medal, he is the first Jewish communal leader to be so honored.

Six months earlier, when Perlmutter was receiving the B'nai B'rith International Presidential Gold Medallion for Humanitarianism, a letter from Reagan said, "I want to pay tribute to you for your decades of courageous, brilliant and quietly charismatic leadership in the Jewish community."

Nathan Perlmutter

New York City Mayor Edward Koch last May presented him with the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award for, among other things, his "unshakable faith in a world without prejudice." Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in awarding him a doctorate of Humane Letters, noted his "long and exceptional service to the Jewish people is a reflection of his religious commitment, whose dedication to the ideals of Judaism has made him an emissary of social justice and brotherhood."

Perlmutter's numerous sharply worded statements were not always consonant with the views of other major communal leaders and sometimes strikingly vivid in the silence of others. During President Jimmy Carter's tenure when the White House was harshly critical of Israeli policies, Perlmutter lashed out at what he saw as support of tenets of Israel's Palestinian enemies. In 1979, Perlmutter called the Administration statements on the Palestinian issue "the greening of the PLO."

After public criticism by some of Jewish leaders of John Cardinal O'Connor's controversial visit early this year to the Middle East, including Israel, Perlmutter observed, "We feel on some of the questions the Cardinal is a mistaken friend but not an adversary. It is better to talk to a friend that at him."

In voicing concern to Israelis regarding the Pollard affair, Perlmutter said, "What began in stupidity, quickly sank into irresponsibility. If this was a rogue operation, it's a fair question to ask why Israel had proceeded to promote the rogues."

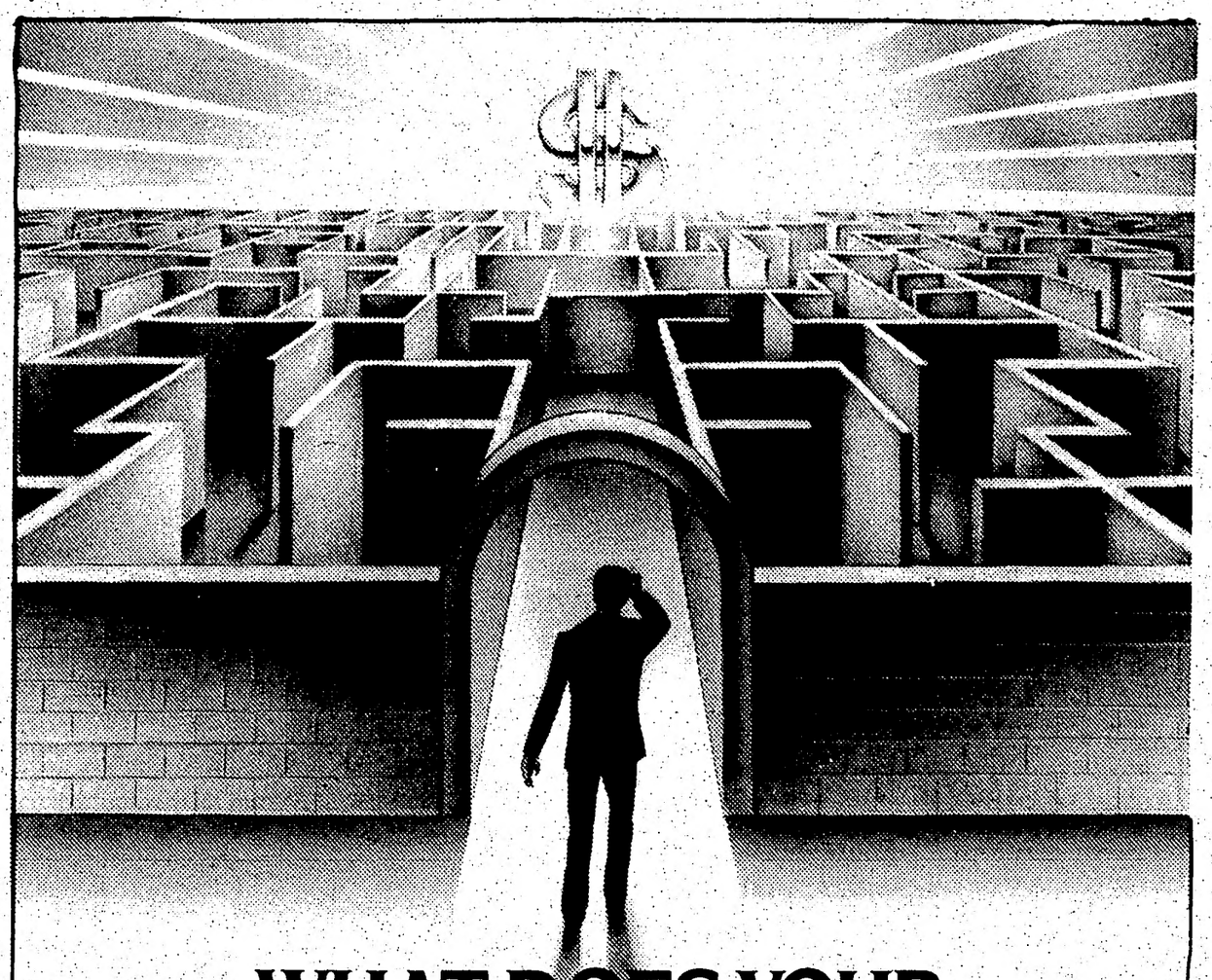
In unison with other Jewish leaders, Perlmutter condemned Austria's election of Kurt Waldheim as president and assailed President Reagan's visit to Bitburg.

Perlmutter was the child of immigrants from Poland in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. During the Great Depression, his father, a tailor by trade, was a laborer for the U.S. Works Program Administration. His mother sold ices on the streets from a pushcart. Perlmutter later wrote, "We were poor, but not under-privileged."

Working at part-time jobs during his high-school years, at 19, Perlmutter became a clerk-typist at the Pentagon and studied at Georgetown University. He also studied at Villanova College. Enlisting in the Marines in 1943, he was mustered out in 1946 as a first lieutenant.

After graduating from New York University's Law School, he joined the ADL in Denver in 1949. With the exception of an 8-year interval, he remained with the ADL until his death. From 1956 to 1964, he was ADL's director in Florida. From 1965 to 1969, he was associate national director of the American Jewish Committee. He was vice-president of Brandeis University from 1969 to 1973, the year in which he became the ADL's assistant national director. In 1979, he became its director.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Ruth Ann; son, Dean; daughter, Nina Mohit, and brother, Philip.



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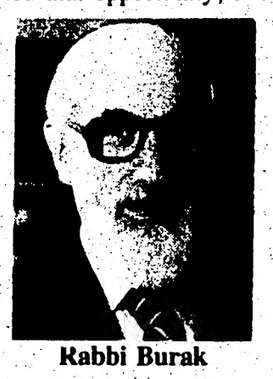
By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

When the tragic news of the death of my beloved master, the Gaon Rabbi Yaakov Yitchok Halevy Ruderman z.l. h.k.m. reached me, a wave of sadness swept over me. A month before his demise I had been in Baltimore, asked for the privilege of seeing him, was denied that opportunity, and now it was too late.


Rabbi Burak

My comfort came from the words of the Talmud in Tractate Kethuboth, 77B: "When Rabbi Chanina bar Papa was about to die, the Angel of Death was commanded, 'Go and carry out any wish of his.' He went to his house and revealed himself to him. 'Allow me,' the latter said, 'thirty days in which to revise my studies' for it was said, 'Happy is he who comes in full possession of his learning.' "

I was 15 years old when I came to the Ner Israel Yeshiva of Baltimore, to sit at the feet of my revered master. It was 1937, and America was in the grip of the Depression. No tuition was demanded. Food was free. All that was asked of me was that I should study for eight hours during the day, and the evening seder.

When my master met me in the main study area, pacing backwards and forwards on the same aisle, he asked me: "Nu, Burak, are you learning eight hours a day?" My reply was in the negative. "Why not?" he asked. And I replied that my first duty was to learn to sit on the bench for eight hours a day. Eventually, I did that and more.

These were some of the memories that crowded in upon me. But, there are things to do when one's Torah master passes away. The Code, Y.D. Chapter 242:25 and 340:8, rules that in such cases the disciples of the teacher are to rend their garments. So, I cut the lapel of my black jacket, a substantial cut over the area of the heart as the law prescribes.

While the Talmud, in Tractate Mo'ed Kattan, 25A, tells us that when Rabbi Yochanan died, his disciple, Rabbi Ammi, sat shiva and observed the shloshim, the conclusion is that the law does not require it. A single day of mourning, or, even a portion of one day is all that is required of the disciple.

In a way that's quite strange, for the sage who teaches a man Torah is entitled to be called a father. Abba was a good rabbinic name, as we can see in Tractate Ta'anis, 23B: "When the world needed rain, the rabbis would send schoolchildren to Chanina ha-Nechba. They would tug the corners of his garments and say, to him: 'Abba Abba, Father, Father! give us rain.' " Then why not mourn the sage as one mourns for a father?

Perhaps the answer is that such mourning might cause too great a dislocation. If the 500 students of Ner Israel in Baltimore were to observe shiva for their great master, what would happen to the Torah studies that are so important for the survival of the world?

But, the master's students will carry their mourning in their hearts, and always be aware of the vastness of his achievements, and the challenge he leaves them. All who received spiritual and physical sustenance from this Gaon, and all who were ordained by him, know that they have lost a father.

Judaism dares to posit, however, that some men never die. They live on in the great works they leave behind, in the great books they wrote, in their ideas that continue to inspire and to guide succeeding generations. As the Talmud says of Yaakov Avinu in Ta'anis, 5B:

"Jacob, our father, never died." Of course the mourners mourned him, and the undertakers buried him. But that was only the fleshy envelope.

Yugoslavia wants better relations

Habimah is invited

JERUSALEM (JPFS & JTA) —

Yugoslavia has invited the Habimah Theatre Company and a delegation of "peace-minded" Israelis to visit Belgrade in the coming months as part of a wide-ranging effort to improve relations with Israel, short of establishing full diplomatic ties.

Progressive List for Peace Knesset Member Mattityahu Peled, who returned recently from Belgrade, said that his Yugoslav hosts told him they are interested in "renewal of people-to-people contacts" and that they regard this as a "preparatory stage" before the resumption of diplomatic relations.

The head of the international relations department of Yugoslavia's ruling Socialist Alliance, Ranto Ostoich, asked Peled to organize a group of "peace-minded" Israelis to visit Belgrade during the autumn and asked Peled to convey this and his impressions of his meetings in Yugoslavia to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Ostoich said that, for his part, he intended to report on the Peled meetings to Yugoslavia's foreign minister and president.

Peled said that Yugoslavia's caution regarding the resumption of relations with Israel is due to its strong ties and interests in the Arab world. "But they don't want to be left behind," and are keenly aware of the Soviets' recent overtures to Israel.

Peled has reported to Peres on his visit and has asked the foreign ministry for some form of subsidy of the delegation's visit to Belgrade. Peled intends to put together a broadly-based left-centre delegation, including Labor, Mapam and Citizens' Rights Movement figures.

Peled said that the Yugoslavs want Habimah to appear in Belgrade next month. They voiced an interest in a substantial increase of Israeli tourism to their country. Last year, more than 20,000 Israelis visited Yugoslavia.

Last week, the Yugoslav news agency sent a full-time correspondent to Israel.

It was also announced that the Jewish Agency will send a Hebrew teacher to Zagreb, the organization's first official emissary to Yugoslavia ever.

The agency's department for education in the Diaspora will send the teacher to the city in which about 2,000 of Yugoslavia's 5,000 Jews live.

Six weeks ago, Yugoslavia's president, Lazar Mojsov, in an informal chat with Peres in Geneva, indicated Yugoslavia's interest in improving bilateral relations.

Shevardnadze and Peres said to meet at UN

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is scheduled to meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Edward Shevardnadze here at the end of September, diplomatic sources have disclosed.

The two officials will meet while attending the UN General Assembly which is to open here Sept. 21. Peres is scheduled to arrive in New York on Sept. 28, after Rosh Hashanah.

Diplomats pointed out that Israeli foreign ministers have met in previous years with top Soviet officials while attending the General Assembly. Therefore, they noted, the meeting between Peres and Shevardnadze should not be viewed as something unusual or as a breakthrough in the relations between the two countries. The Soviet Union severed its diplomatic relations with Israel during the 1967 Six Day War and has not restored them since.

According to the sources, Peres and Shevardnadze will discuss: Soviet-Israeli relations; an international conference on Mideast peace; and the situation of Soviet Jews.

Chinese scholar studies Israel's policy on peace

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The first scholar from the People's Republic of China to engage in research at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is currently in residence at the university's Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace.

He is Guocang Huan, a specialist in international relations, who has spent the past seven years studying in the U.S. His summer as a visiting research fellow at the Truman Institute will be spent working on Israeli policy regarding the peace process and on options for the development of China-Israel relations.

Huan said that while he was not currently affiliated with any Chinese government institutions, he knows that his published work has been read and is well thought of in government circles there. Huan added that he sees "very limited movement" towards development of relations between Israel and China, but the outlook is promising.

Huan, who is from Shanghai, studied at the Chinese Academy of Social Science in Beijing before leaving there seven years ago to study in the United States. Although he has no high school certificate nor a B.A., he has earned in the past seven years an M.A. at the University of Denver in international economics, an M.A. at Columbia University in comparative politics, and a Ph.D. in international relations at Princeton University.

In addition, he has worked as a consultant for the World Bank, as a research fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., as a John Olin Fellow at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University, and as a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council of the United States.

Huan commented that, despite the lack of formal Chinese-Israel relations, there has long been interest in intellectual circles in China about Jewish culture. People in these circles also are aware of the Holocaust and do have sympathy for the victims, Huan claimed. As for himself, Huan said he sees certain similarities between Jewish and Chinese culture. He added that he is interested in the problems of the Middle East as part of his overall interest in international relations.

Shamir to visit Romania soon

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will visit Romania towards the end of the month following an invitation from Romanian president Nicolae Ceausescu.

The invitation arrived "out of the blue," in the words of Israeli officials, via the Israeli embassy in Bucharest. It specifically suggested that Shamir arrive "soon," indicating that Ceausescu hopes to discuss the proposal for an international peace conference for the Middle East with his Israeli guest.

One source in Jerusalem suggested that the idea of the visit had originated in Moscow and that the Soviets hope Ceausescu may succeed in breaking down Shamir's opposition to a conference.

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But NB education minister still looking at Ross case

Act being changed to deal with racist teachers

By
WENDY ROSEN

FREDERICTON — While New Brunswick Education Minister Jean-Pierre Ouellet considers a legal opinion he sought from the Atlantic Jewish Council on decertifying alleged hatemonger Malcolm Ross, his department has taken steps to amend the Schools Act to deal with teachers with racist views in the school system.

In an interview, Hugh Duplisea, coordinator of high school education, said that Ouellet is seeking the amendments to strengthen the public school teacher's responsibilities inside and outside the school particularly with regard to human rights. Teachers should be positive role models in and out of school, he said, adding the changes will enforce this philosophy.

Although the Atlantic Jewish Council says there is evidence that Ross, a Moncton teacher who has written pamphlets that contend the Holocaust was a hoax, could be decertified under existing regulations, the government hasn't been able to determine he actually violated the regulations.

As recently as last month, Dr. Julius Israeli the man who made the complaint that prompted the government to look into the possibility of hatemongering charges — the province decided not to press charges in April — sent a registered letter to Ouellet in which he outlined the evidence against Ross which, he claimed, warranted his decertification.

Ouellet, who was unavailable for comment as were his deputy ministers, is quoted in various Atlantic publications as saying the amendments would be approved by the cabinet before October when an election is expected. Although the changes would have no effect on what Ross has done in the past, Duplisea said that in the future such controversy would be prevented as the language would be more cut-and-dried.

AJC president Lee Cohen, a Halifax lawyer, said that Ouellet asked him to prepare the legal brief in meetings with justice and education department officials last spring. The legal research was completed the end of July.

He said that when Justice Minister Dave Clark refused to prosecute Ross, the AJC began promoting decertification as "an available remedy." However, Ouellet's advisors said there were no grounds.

"They haven't changed their minds but they said they would entertain my research. The government will examine it and get its own opinion. Legal opinion is just that ... it may not be shared by whomever receives the report. Hopefully, it will be persuasive enough to sway them."

Ouellet has been quoted in the Saint John Telegraph-Journal as saying, "If we had legal proof that he was teaching anti-semitism I would act on it, because I believe we should teach fundamental human rights."

As for changes to the Schools Act, Cohen says, "I'm all for any amendment to any legislation that people don't have the opportunity to promote anti-semitism or any prejudices."

In a 3-page letter signed by Cohen and mailed to Atlantic Jewish households, the AJC outlines its dissatisfaction with the way the Ross investigation was carried out but states it would not be wise to take a public stand on advocating prosecution but maintains there is grounds for decertification. A brief was prepared and submitted to Moncton's District 15 School Board but a 3-person committee determined that there was no evidence that Ross had taught his views to his students.

In the letter, it was announced that Ouellet had appointed the AJC to a special education advisory committee that is developing a Holocaust/human rights program.

Duplisea, who six years ago wrote a publication for teachers on how to teach this material, said that the Holocaust is currently taught in Grade 11 history as part of the study of Nazi Germany. A course in global education at the Grade 9 level deals with different cultures around the world with a goal of having the children "learn to understand and appreciate other cultures so when they take Holocaust studies they can respond ... when they see hate literature, they can recognize it for what it is."

Duplisea said the goal of the committee, which will have its initial meeting next week, is to look at the teaching of the Holocaust and the methodology.

"Some people say 'Why isolate Jews. The Nazis didn't just kill Jews.' Our response to that is while not every victim was a Jew, all Jews were potential victims," Duplisea said.

"We want to put Jewish resistance in perspective ... to look at anti-semitism before and during the Holocaust. We want to get beyond the facts and teach them how it affected people then and now. Not so much to stress the horror on young minds ... but the whole loss of human rights."

Duplisea said then they can relate the past to the present "to show that anti-semitism still exists and the Holocaust wasn't an isolated event but rather the epitome of anti-semitism. In my opinion it could be seen as the turning point in man's humanity to man."

In saying that teaching students about different cultures at an earlier age gives them a frame of reference, Duplisea said the human rights theme has to run through the curriculum so there's continuity.

"They'll handle the Keegstras, Rosses, Zundels by turning them off ... that's how we'll defeat them."

Duplisea said that inservice for teachers would also be developed so they can explain and react to these concerns.

Although it takes about two years to fully implement a course, the inservice portion can hit the system in three months. He explained that it would take about a year to develop textbooks and then another year to conduct field testing.

"Essentially the changes are starting now."

Keegstra is elected Social Credit head

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO — James Keegstra won the election but may not get to keep the job.

Keegstra, who is appealing his conviction for inciting hatred against Jews, was elected interim leader of the federal Social Credit Party during The CJN holiday period.

Shortly after, the former leader whom Keegstra was to replace, announced from his home in Listowel, Ont. that he refused to give up his position.

Rev. Harvey Lainson also demanded that Keegstra, who had been on probation, be banished from the party. Lainson was dumped from his job after advocating the party name be changed to Christian Freedom.

National party president Ben Bissett (beaten for the job by one vote), said that since Lainson is unwilling to submit his resignation, Keegstra cannot officially assume the leadership.

Even if Keegstra should take his post, it leaves officials of Canadian Jewish Congress and the League for Human Rights unimpressed.

James Keegstra

Keegstra's appointment "evokes bitter memories of Social Credit bigotry in the 1930s," CJC President Dorothy Reitman said in a release. She added that "there is no role in Canadian political life for convicted hate-mongers."

"The Social Credit Party is hardly a force in Canadian politics," said Joel Wilder (by phone from Winnipeg), national co-chairman (with Victor Goldbloom) of CJC's Joint Community Relations Committee.

"I understand there was something like 28 people at its so-called national meeting. I'm told that approximately half that number elected a so-called national leader. Those facts speak for themselves."

Alan Shefman, national director of the League for Human Rights, described himself as "not terribly impressed," with the choice of Keegstra. He noted that Keegstra had come in second for the position at the last Socred convention.

A meeting of the party's national council is scheduled for Nov. 28 to arrange a leadership convention in early 1988.

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Congress and League officals have also reacted with indifference to reports of a poorly attended meeting of the international Ku Klux Klan, also held during The CJN vacation.

The gathering at a farm northwest of Calgary, was reported to have drawn seven members, two from Canada.

"It shows the weakness of the Ku Klux Klan at this time — it just doesn't exist," said Shefman.

Calling the KKK in Canada a joke, Bernie Farber, CJC's assistant national director for community relations, said the poor turnout "speaks well for Canadians who totally reject the concepts the KKK stands for."

Retrial for Zundel ordered for Jan. 4

TORONTO — **Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel will be retried Jan. 4 on a charge of spreading false news.**

It is possible the trial could last six months.

The new trial was ordered in June by Ontario Attorney-General Ian Scott after the Supreme Court of Canada refused to hear an appeal by the province to restore Zundel's 1985 conviction on the same charge.

Zundel was convicted in March 1985 after a controversial and well-publicized 7-week trial and sentenced to 15 months in jail.

In January, the Ontario Court of Appeal overturned Zundel's conviction on one count of spreading false news because of "errors during the course of the trial and in (the trial judge's) charge to the jury."

In a separate hearing, a justice of the Ontario Court of Appeal rescinded a bail requirement whereby Zundel had to seek the permission from the attorney-general before leaving the province.

Waldheim recognition must be avoided—CJC

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress president Dorothy Reitman has reiterated her concern to the Canadian government that "even faint diplomatic recognition of Kurt Waldheim should cease."

In a letter to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, Reitman wrote that in spite of the government's position that Waldheim would not be welcome in Canada, Canadian diplomatic representatives accredited to the Vatican and Jordan were present at functions in honor of Waldheim during the Austrian president's recent visits.

"May we have your assurance that Canadian diplomatic representatives will not be present at functions attended by Waldheim. We believe this would be consistent with your government's stated policy.

"Canada must reiterate clearly and publicly that Waldheim's Nazi past is repugnant to all Canadians."

Congress seeking crimes witnesses

MONTREAL — As part of its efforts to identify suspected Nazi war criminals, Canadian Jewish Congress is seeking witnesses to events in Galicia, primarily those which took place in Brezezany, Podhajce, Stryj and Wisniowozyk.

In particular, witnesses to the persecution of the Jews in these places and the role played by the police in these activities are needed.

Anyone with such information is asked to contact the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress at 1590 Docteur Penfield Ave., Montreal, Que. H3G 1CS.

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Mental health in jeopardy

Muscovite Refuseniks launch appeal for Nudel

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Twenty-three Muscovite Refuseniks have launched an appeal to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Ida Nudel's behalf.

In a recent telephone conversation, Judith Ratner-Bialy told two Canadian activists that Nudel's mental health is in jeopardy — she is extremely depressed at being cut off from her only relative, sister Ilana Fridman in Israel, and her extended family of friends in Moscow.

Ratner-Bialy told Genya Intrator, chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights, and Alex Cooperman, of B'nai B'rith's Russian-speaking Shalom Aleichem Lodge, that the group — which includes Alex Ioffe and former Prisoner of Conscience Iosif Begun — asks Gorbachev to allow Nudel to live in her home town of Moscow instead of Bendery. The Moldavian city was the only place which would allow her to register — as all Soviet citizens must — after her 4-year banishment to Siberia for "malicious hooliganism" ended in 1983.

The letter states: "We are calling upon you not to ignore Ida Nudel's tragic fate ... You are well aware how difficult it was for a lonely, defenceless woman to survive such an ordeal.

"After her release, her right of residence in Moscow was illegally taken away despite the fact it is her home town and through all the years of exile, her co-op apartment was held in her name....

"We appeal to you ... to renew her right of residence in Moscow."

Cooperman said his lodge will help fuel the drive by distributing copies of the appeal to all BB lodges and Jewish women's organizations as well as to both federal and provinical politicians. A covering letter will also encourage Canadians to write to Gorbachev and the Soviet ambassador Alexei Rodionov in Ottawa.

"All of the other Prisoners of Conscience — even Begun — have been permitted to go back to their home towns but she hasn't. She's the only one who's still being punished. She's a scapegoat."

In other Soviet Jewry news, Jewish emigration reached 819 in July bringing the annual total to 3,906.

Barbara Stern, chairman of the Montreal-based National Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress, said that there is still no attempt on the part of Soviet authorities "to solve the problem of long-standing Refuseniks."

She noted that the committee has just published a list of Soviet Jewish families who have been in refusal for more than 10 years and 410 families fall into that category.

The U.S.-based Committee of Concerned Scientists reports that hundreds of computer scientists at the 6th National Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Seattle appealed to Soviet authorities to allow their colleague Prof. Alexander Lerner of Moscow to emigrate.

Lerner, whose wife died in 1981, has one son in Moscow — Vladimir is also a Refusenik — and a daughter Sonya Levin in Israel. The 16-year Refusenik, who is a cybernetic ist, was among eight people whom the Soviets said earlier this year would never be permitted to emigrate because of national security.

In New York, the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry report that relatives of three prominent Refuseniks have been granted exit visas.

They are: physicist and Hebrew teacher Mikhail Kholmyansky, who had been refused for nine years and is the brother of former Prisoner of Conscience Alexander Kholmyansky; Felix Abramovich, the son of Moscow activist Pavel Abramovich, and Dorina Paritsky of Kharkov, whose father is former Prisoner of Conscience Alexander Paritsky.

In Jerusalem, Education Minister Yitzhak Navon symbolically awarded Begun an honorary teacher's certificate "in appreciation of his Zionist activities in teaching Hebrew in the USSR."

The document, which Navon said would give Begun the right to teach if he is allowed to come to Israel, was accepted on his behalf by Begun's own teacher, former Prisoner of Conscience Israel Mintz.

In a telephone conversation with Navon, Begun said there is a critical shortage of books for Hebrew teachers to use and unless the supply is renewed it could lead to "a national death."

Obstacles for departure removed

Lev, Elbert may get out

TORONTO —

It appears that former Soviet hunger strikers Lev and Inna Elbert of Kiev may be given exit visas.

In a telephone conversation, Lev Elbert told two Canadian activists that he and his brother Michael met with Arkady Nesterovich Shuvayev, an official (position unknown) in the department of foreign affairs in Moscow on July 30.

Elbert told Genya Intrator, chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights, and Alex Cooperman of B'nai B'rith's Russian-speaking Shalom Aleichem Lodge, that he was told that "the obstacles for his departure from the USSR have been removed."

The official told Elbert, who together with his wife Inna fasted for more than 40 days a few months ago in a bid to emigrate to Israel with their son Carmi and his brother Michael, that his case "will be resolved positively. Return to Kiev and reapply at the OVIR emigration office there."

As soon as he left that office, Elbert who told the Canadians that he didn't believe the official, went to the all-union (federal) OVIR office in Moscow, where officials said there was no information.

From there he went to the Praesidium of Supreme Soviet and was told that the special committee investigating cases of refusal based on secrecy was still reviewing his application and that they had no information on Shuvayev's pronouncement.

The next day, Elbert confronted Shuvayev again and told him of the other officials' comments.

His reply was: "We in the foreign office decided your case. We bypassed the Supreme Soviet because the reason for your refusal has been removed. Therefore, there is no need for intervention by the Supreme Soviet ... the organization that objected to your leaving the country removed its objection."

Elbert said he returned to the all-union OVIR office and to the Supreme Soviet where he was again told they knew nothing.

On Aug. 3, Elbert asked Shuvayev how long it would take to notify the other authorities and was told: "We have a bureaucratic apparatus. You should understand how these delays happen.... The document with our decision is on its way. I assure you a positive decision has been taken."

To keep the pressure on, Elbert asked the activists to encourage Westerners, especially parliamentarians, to call Shuvayev so that his case doesn't get stuck in the Ukrainian office of OVIR, "where authorities are not exactly our (the Elberts) best friends or well-wishers."

Shuvayev's number is 244-3448 and must be placed through the overseas operator in Montreal.

Refusenik mixup

TORONTO —

Long-term Soviet Refuseniks Aba and Ida Taratuta have not been granted exit visas as reported in the July 16 edition of The CJN.

The Coalition to Free Soviet Jews now reports that there was a mixup and that only their 26-year-old son Misha was given permission. He arrived in Israel 10 days ago.

Gaza curfew lifted by IDF

GAZA (JPFS) —

The Israel Defence Forces has lifted the curfew in parts of Gaza, and crossing points from the Gaza Strip to Israel, which were closed after last week's killing of the city's military police commander, Captain Ron Tal.

Al-Wahda Street, where the shooting took place, remains closed off and under curfew. The curfew and closure of other parts of the city centre was lifted at 8 p.m. and free movement in and out of the Gaza Strip was restored at 3 a.m. Local fishermen have also been allowed to put out to sea.

Searches in the Gaza Strip by hundreds of troops are continuing, and a military spokesman said that "security forces will make every effort to catch the killer speedily."

At the same time, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin vowed: "The murderers will be found and punished."

The PLO claimed responsibility for killing Tal in a military communique published in Tunis by the organization's news agency, Wafa.

The statement said Palestinian commandos staged a grenade and sub-machine-gun attack, killing Tal and wounding his companions.

The attack was part of the PLO's armed struggle against Israel, said the statement, and was "in line with the decisions of the supreme military council to step up military action against vital enemy military targets."

Police battle ultra-Orthodox

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Police and ultra-Orthodox yeshiva students battled near the Western Wall last week after one of the students was arrested for reportedly spitting at a woman soldier and calling her "a whore."

"He didn't like her uniform," Jerusalem police chief Yosef Yehuda'i said. The students apparently consider the soldier's dress to be immodest, and a desecration of the holy place, he added.

The arrested student, who is from the Shuvu Banim Yeshiva in Jerusalem's Old City, reportedly not only spat in the soldier's face but also began to attack her, Yehuda'i said. The brawl erupted after eight of his friends reportedly tried to stop him.

All nine of the students were arrested, Yehuda'i said. One will be charged with assaulting a public employee, and the others will be charged with attacking policemen.

Police sources said that women soldiers had been attacked twice in a similar manner during the past two weeks.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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ROTFARB — BRIEF

Maurice Rotfarb, of Brief, Rotfarb, Wynberg, Cappe, Toronto Chartered Accountants, writes about the origin of his surname. Literally it is ROTH (red) FARB (dye) and denotes a specialist in that area (like painting the town red).

Dyeing was a skill practiced by many Jews and is reflected in a number of surnames like FARBER, the generic name for DYER and color specialists like BIBAK (red), GRUENSPAN (green), CHERNIAK (black), HIMELFARB (sky blue) and GOLDFARB (gold).

As a bonus, I invite him to inform his senior partner, Harold Brief, that his surname is an acronym derived from Ben Reb Pinchas, the son of rabbi Pinchas. "P" in Hebrew lettering is the same as "F" (with a dot in the middle to distinguish them).

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Leading Paris artist Chaim Soutine died Aug. 9, 1943. Some 600 oils in museums and private collections around the world declare him the unsurpassed painter of anguish.

Born in 1893, one of 11 children of a poor tailor in a Lithuanian village, Soutine sketched compulsively from childhood. Shtetl life was not accommodating. At 14, he ran away, winding up at Vilna's School of Fine Art by night and a menial job by day. A local physician paid for his trip to Paris. He was 18.

The City of Light was the capital of the art world then, even as the darkness of war was thickening. A century of successive revolution spawned: rococco, neoclassicism, romanticism, realism, impressionism, and symbolism; their renowned masters; and their passionate disciples. Soutine enrolled at the Ecole des Beaux Arts. His Montmarte studio neighbors included Amadeo Modigliani, from Livorno, and Marc Chagall, from Vitebsk.

Soutine, who supported himself by copying old masters at the Louvre, and by working as a ditchdigger and a porter, fell prey to despair. The effects of his disillusion and grinding poverty were exacerbated by spiritual torment, self-doubt, and fiery nervous energy. He reacted to the apparent neglect of his growing body of works by trying to commit suicide.

Prime model

Modigliani, nine years his senior and dying of tubercular meningitis, brought Soutine together with his own art dealer. In the firmament of art, one star went out and another rose. Less than two years later, a U.S. art collector bought 200 of Soutine's tortured canvases on one visit.

Vincent Van Gogh provided a prime model. But while the former's madly electrifying paintings were largely static, vibrating in place, Soutine's appear to swirl in turbulence. His Ceret landscapes, violent and distorted, fill the viewer with anguish. In one landscape, for example, trees, hills, houses, earth and sky are all caught up in a diagonal swirl twisting from bottom right to top left. The half plucked Hanging Turkey — along with Carcass of an Ox, painted from putrefying subjects hanging for weeks from his ceiling — appears to be kicking its legs and howling in objection to its death. Exaggerations of an eye, nose or hand in his human subjects communicate sympathy as well as dread and anxiety, and suggest complex and often irrational personalities. The Old Actress, a half figure portrait, shows a faded woman with distorted limbs, gnarled hands, and staring eyes: the prophet Ezekiel's vision of the dry bones in reverse.

Four visits

A second major influence was Rembrandt. His "subdued yet smoldering brilliance of pigments," writes art historian George Hamilton, "inspired Soutine to create his own incandescent palette, with as many as 40 hues" for each painting. One or two colors predominate: yellow and green for landscapes, red or a livid blue and yellow for dead animals, and white, black or scarlet for cooks and servants.

The focus of Soutine's four visits to Holland was Rembrandt's The Jewish Bride; he sat in front of it for hours at a time. Its radiance and detail challenged Soutine's artistry. Her serenity, faith, and purpose provided a balm for his soul.

Soutine, whose early works bear the same frenzied distinctions as later ones, is not regarded as having undergone finite periods of development. His method was to put on canvas at one sitting the emotions set off in him by his subject; the heart of each painting, almost an impulse, could not easily be revised, according to Hamilton.

Soutine's reputation flourished overseas and in France. His first major 1-man exhibition opened in Chicago, in 1934. Acclaim failed to ease his nerves or self-doubts. Soutine rejected all overseas offers as World War II broke out. He refused to leave France even after the Nazis conquered it. Bleeding ulcers forced him from a village hiding place to a Paris hospital, where he died after an operation, at 50.

His techniques inspired future artists. He depicted the dynamic anguish of mankind, as no other painter has done.

British company under pressure

LONDON (JTA) —

British opponents of the Arab boycott are looking to the U.S. to put pressure on Cadbury-Schweppes, the international United Kingdom-owned soft drink and confectionery group, which is considering reducing its ties with Israel in order to have its name removed from the Arab blacklist.

This has emerged following disclosure of a letter from a Cadbury-Schweppes senior director to the Arab boycott office in Damascus discussing the prospects for ending the group's bottling and trade mark arrangements with Israel's Jaf-Ora Company, based in Rehovot.

The British anti-boycott committee, which as a matter of principle is opposed to all boycotts, is apparently reluctant to advise British friends of Israel to take retaliatory action against Cadbury-Schweppes should it terminate its trade ties with Israel.

However, Cadbury-Schweppes, which was highly embarrassed by the leak of its exchanges with Damascus, has evidently been informed through other channels that it could lose far more than its relatively minor business in Israel if it succumbed to Arab pressures.

In Britain, the company could earn the displeasure of major retail chains, such as Marks and Spencer and Tesco, renowned for their active support of Israel.

But boycott watchers here believe there would be a far stronger backlash in the U.S. because of the greater militancy of the American Jewish community and because, unlike Britain, the U.S. has legislation outlawing compliance with the Arab boycott by American companies or American subsidiaries of overseas concerns.

The world's third biggest soft-drinks company, Cadbury-Schweppes sees its biggest opportunities in North America. Together with it's newly acquired subsidiary Canada Dry, it controls around 3.2% of America's huge soft drink market. While still dwarfed by Coca Cola and Pepsico, it is confident of further growth there.

Safeway accused of violations

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The commerce department has accused Safeway Stores Inc., the nations' largest food chain, of 449 violations of the U.S. law against participating in the Arab boycott of Israeli products.

Safeway is accused of having excluded boycotted firms from a list of suppliers, which it used to offer products for sale to two supermarkets in Saudi Arabia and one in Kuwait.

The complaint also charges that Safeway required one of its wholesale suppliers to submit names of its manufacturers for boycott clearance.

The charges carry a fine for more than $4 million, $10,000 for each violation. If they are upheld by a commerce department administrative law judge it will constitute the largest fine ever levied for violation of the anti-boycott law.

"We believe the charges are preposterous," said Felicia del Campo, a spokeswoman for Safeway stores, based in Oakland, California. "And we will vigorously defend ourselves against these charges because we have done everything possible to comply with the U.S. anti-boycott law. We certainly had no intention of being a party to an Arab boycott of Israeli products."

Del Campo said that Safeway does not own the Arab stores, but has entered into a "technical agreement" with native companies licensing them to use the chain's name and give them advice.

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Editorial

Undue move

The decision taken by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to recall Parliament in the wake of the arrival of a boatload of Sikhs on Canada's east coast is an unusually sharp response to a problem of manageable dimensions. His precipitous act moreover, plays into the hands of the more extreme xenophobic elements in this country.

The disquiet experienced by some Canadians at the arrival of the Sikhs is, of course, understandable. Trying to get to the head of the queue through unorthodox means is not appreciated by those already in the queue and is not in accordance with the genteel traditions of Canada.

The problem with this position, however admirable, is that it overlooks several salient factors.

First, as Toronto immigration lawyer Lorne Waldman has pointed out, people are trying to get to the head of the queue because the queue is impossibly long and slow moving. Some would say that there is no movement at all, given the restrictions which Canadian immigration law imposes upon siblings and other relatives of Canadian citizens.

Second, the number of illegals is insignificant and in no way taxes the resources of this country. The few hundred people who make it into Canada each year illegally are quickly absorbed into this nation's economy.

Third, as a Jewish publication, we appreciate the travail which refugees undergo. Thousands of our people might have been saved had Canada opened its doors in the 1930s and 1940s to European Jews seeking asylum in this country. What is important is the status of the individual — not how he arrived in Canada. This country has an obligation to succor refugees.

A happy footnote. A study of the 154 Tamils who arrived in Canada via Newfoundland last year has revealed that every one is gainfully employed and that one has opened a factory in Toronto in which 20 Canadians are now working.

Let us think of present and future refugees not as liabilities but as assets to be cherished. Canadian parliamentarians should not be stampeded into passing legislation which will bring dishonor to this country.

Northern push

While tradition dictates that the Jew turn towards the east when praying it appears that the direction is north when seeking — housing.

This is the obvious explanation for the huge Jewish population move now being observed in the environs immediately north of Metro Toronto city limits. Of the 135,000 Jews in the Toronto area, at least a quarter is making its way to housing developments in the northeast quadrant of the city.

The move north is the natural pattern for Toronto's Jewish community. It started in the post-World War II period when Jewish families left the Brunswick and Spadina areas to move up the Bathurst corridor to Eglinton and Lawrence Avenues. By the 1960s the movement north along the Bathurst conduit went as far as Steeles Ave. (the city limits).

The 1980s and 1990s will see a further move north as thousands of young Jewish families seek affordable housing and congenial environments in which to raise families. The attractive mix of single-family dwellings, townhouses, apartment units and condominiums is a major reason for the influx of new Jewish families, now said to be numbering hundreds each week.

The educational, religious and commercial infrastructures, it should be noted, are already in place. Branches of the Associated Hebrew Day Schools and other systems are operating at the elementary grade level.

Traditional Jews have numerous kosher food outlets at their disposal in the new neighborhoods and a major supermarket, Food City, has provided a special kosher section in a new store.

There are both Conservative and Reform congregations ready to serve the growing number of constituents in the new developments.

Thanks to the benefactions of Joseph Tanenbaum, Toronto's distinguished philanthropist, one of the largest Orthodox synagogues in the world, the Beth Avraham Joseph, is now nearing completion. The imposing new structure will house not only worship facilities but a day school, a yeshiva and various social halls.

We wish the new Jewish communities in Vaughan, Thornhill and Markham continued growth and expansion. Their success will inevitably enhance the profile of Toronto Jewry in general.

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Duel For The Golan

Battle account a good read

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Wrecked Syrian military equipment during the Yom Kippur War.

There has been no shortage of books and articles about that phase of the 1973 war, but this is advertised as the first based on interviews with participants from both sides of the fighting. The book, which is skewed in Israel's favor, promises more than it can deliver. Since the emphasis is on Israel, the interviews from the Israeli side are much more vivid and personal. The Syrians are mentioned, but only perfunctorly, and they barely emerge from the shadows.

I will never forget that day.

In the midst of the Yom Kippur War, I joined a group of foreign correspondents being bussed up to the Golan Heights by the Israeli government to observe the results of recent battles.

Soon it was apparent that the war was far from finished. As our Dan bus snaked up the narrow mountain road, the burst of a shell about 200 metres away shattered the momentary silence. The Italian journalist sitting next to me shuddered.

Then, suddenly, a formation of low-flying Israeli Phantom jets thundered past, shaking the ground, and disappeared behind a range of gray volcanic hills.

We were on a rutted 2-lane road in the southern part of the Golan, near a place called El Al, literally minutes from the escarpment leading down into the Huleh Valley. The bus stopped, waved down by a group of heavily armed Israeli soldiers in a jeep. Peering out the window at the stony plain, I saw the twisted wreckage of war.

After a few minutes, we were permitted to leave the bus and walk among the ruins.

It was shocking, particularly for someone who had never personally been exposed to such massive destruction.

Burned-out Syrian tanks, jeeps and armored personnel carriers littered the ravaged landscape as far as the eye could see, testifying to the fact that the Syrian Army had come perilously close to reaching Israel.

There was still something else for us to gawk at — the terrifying sight of decomposing Syrian corpses rotting in the sun. The fly-infested bodies, clad in camouflaged olive uniforms, lay scattered around, the stench unbearable, in rigidly grotesque positions. The Syrians who had not been turned into charcoal by fire bore an uncanny resemblance to dolls. Never having seen a dead body in my life, I was sick to my stomach.

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I remembered this scene of utter desolation as I read *Duel for The Golan (William Morrow, $17.95)*, a dispassionate account of the war that raged on that rocky plateau 14 years ago come October.

Written by Jerry Asher (with Eric Hammel, a writer who specializes in military affairs), *Duel for The Golan* zeroes in on the first 100 hours of that bitter conflict, during which time the Syrian Army threatened to overrun the Golan Heights.

"Blueprint for victory"

Nevertheless, *Duel for The Golan* is worthwhile reading, expertly focusing on the fierce tank battles that decided the fate of the war in that sector.

The authors set the stage by delving into Syria's meticulous preparations for the war. Major General Abdul Habeisi, the Syrian director of operations (who appears not to have been interviewed), envisaged a blitzkreig that would sweep the Israelis off the Golan Heights within 48 hours.

The Syrians, they explain, were certain that Israeli men and machines would not stop them. They had reason to be confident. Compared to the "casual planning" that had characterized Syria's war efforts against Israel in 1948 and 1967, this was a battle planned to the last detail — "a virtual blueprint for victory."

By the autumn of 1973, the Syrian armed forces had never been stronger, so well organized or so motivated. Yet they frittered away part of their advantage even before attacking Israel.

The fear of failure — of exposing the regime to a coup — prompted President Hafez Assad to scale down the scope of the original plan. The Syrians decided not to deploy their air force against Israeli air bases, but to concentrate on command service centres on the Golan and in the Jordan Valley. And they withheld their best unit, the Damascus-based Assad Guard, from the fray.

Israel was not entirely convinced that Syria, together with Egypt, planned to launch a war. The director of military intelligence downplayed the possibility until just hours before the Arabs struck on two fronts, but Gen. David Elazar, the chief of staff, had a hunch he was wrong.

Elazar, who was criticized sharply by the postwar Agranot Commission, mobilized some reserve forces and dispatched them to the Golan on the eve of the Syrian onslaught. If this had not been done, Israel surely would have been defeated by Syria.

Despite these precautions, Israel was not fully prepared for Syria's massive assault. Asher and Hammel describe the ensuing battles in great detail, and they give credit where credit is due.

On the southern front, Syrian tanks under the command of Gen. Ali Aslan stormed through Israeli defences and got as far as El Al. The situation was so desperate for Israel that Gen. Dan Laner said: "The war in the south(ern Golan) is over, and we have lost. We don't have enough with which to stop them."

On the northern front, things were not much better after Syrian heliborne commandos captured an important intelligence-gathering position on Mt. Hermon and thrust into Naffach, Israel's command centre. Such was the gloom that, on the eve of an Oct. 7 engagement, Col. Avigdor Ben Gall was heard to say that "he would die this day."

Syrian advances sowed demoralization, and Asher and Hammel tell of the panic that pervaded Israeli ranks in those desperate hours.

After the intial shock wore off, Israel regrouped and dealt Syria stinging blows. By nightfall on Oct. 8, Gen. Moshe Peled had retaken most of southern Golan. By Oct. 9, the initiative had passed from Syrian to Israeli hands and Israel had largely pushed Syria back to the 1967 Purple Line.

From that moment, Syria focused less on regaining the Golan than on containing new Israeli initiatives.

Every Israeli tank was hit

Israel had some aces up its sleeve. In an effort to punish Syria for having launched the war, Israel unleashed its air force against Syrian strategic targets. Israeli jets hit the ministry of defence, a power station, a radio station and an oil-tank farm in Damascus. They followed this up with the destruction of Radio Damascus. Later that day, economic and military targets in Homs were destroyed. Port facilities in Latakia, Tartous and Banias were damaged as well.

On the Golan itself, the Israeli Air Force played a minimal role. Syria's missile defence system shot down many Israeli aircraft.

In the final days of the war, Israeli commandos, on their third try, recaptured Mt. Hermon.

All told, Syria lost 1,150 main battle tanks, 222 planes and an estimated 3,500 soldiers. *Every* Israeli tank committed to the Golan was hit by hostile fire, and 772 Israelis were killed in hostilities.

Israel's ultimate victory on the Golan Heights saved it from what could have been an extremely woeful situation. Syria, in being beaten back, failed to achieve its goals. But, as *Duel For The Golan* shows, the Syrians came remarkably close to ousting the Israelis from the Golan Heights.

Opinion

"I chose comedy as more energetic, wiser and manlier."

Bellow reflects on his life of love and literature

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Saul Bellow was slightly taken aback.

I had just asked him a tough, double-barreled question.

'What does Canada mean to you?'' I asked. ''And what does being Jewish mean to you?''

Bellow reflected a moment. Then he answered with the aplomb one would expect from North America's leading Jewish novelist — winner of three U.S. National Book Awards and both the Pulitzer Prize and Nobel Prize for Literature.

''Canada represents to me the land of my birth,'' he said. ''I was born in Lachine, Quebec, in 1915. I was the fourth child of Russian Jewish immigrants, and I remember Lachine very well.

''When I was 3 years old, we moved to St. Dominique St. in Montreal, between the Rachel Market and the General Hospital. It was the place where Orthodox Jews mingled with kilted Highlanders and nuns from the parish school. And it was a place where the winters were very fierce. I was 9 years old when we lit out for Chicago . . . but I've never forgotten my Canadian origins.

''As for being Jewish?'' He laughed. ''It's what I am. It's part of my history. You can't explain it. It's like asking a fish to explain what it's like to swim in water.''

Nevertheless, Bellow was in an eloquent explanatory mood recently during a freewheeling interview in the University of Toronto Bookroom. The Chicago-based author was in town to help promote his 10th novel, *More Die Of Heartbreak* (Penguin Books of Canada, $22.95).

It's unquestionably the funniest book he has written — a loquacious, consistently entertaining firecracker display of literate prose and Yiddish bon mots.

In the words of Mordecai Richler, who comes closest to Bellow in contemporary mordant Jewish wit: ''The breadth of his culture — high and low — is astonishing. He's equally at ease dealing with angst or AIDS, quoting Stendhal or Johnny Carson, ruminating on Russian philosophy or tipping us off to the best buy in dishwashers.''

But Bellow is markedly different from Richler in the sense that he is a brilliant comic writer who has a heart as well as a head. Most of his novels deal with an intelligent, middle-class Jewish hero, brimming with guilts and compassion, and often scintillating with wisecracks and nutty ideas, desperately trying to cope with the absurdities of society and his own complex personality.

Here Bellow has invented two such Jewish characters. Both are supereducated members of the intelligentsia, a pair of Jewish brains haplessly embroiled in heartbreak as a result of the current sexual revolution.

One is Benn Crader, a world-renowned botanist in his 50s (nicknamed ''Professor Chloraphyll'') who is described as a whiz on Arctic lichens but a *zhlobb* when it comes to affairs of the heart.

After playing the field as a widower for 15 years, he falls prey to the allures of a beautiful young predator named Matilda. She is likened to a Delicious apple perfected by pomologists from the state of Washington: all polished gloss on the outside and juiceless inside.

The botanist's Balzacian misadventures are narrated in bemused style by his nephew, Kenneth Trachtenberg, a professor of Russian literature at the same Chicago university, who has women troubles of his own. He is the biological father of a young daughter by a flakey masochistic mother who won't marry him, preferring to be beaten up by a burly ski instrtuctor who has shacked up with her.

Trachtenberg, whose own mother has gone off to help an African tribe as the first Jewish Mother Theresa, recounts these ''kookified'' *mishigas* in a hilarious fashion.

The plot is strung together cunningly, interweaving fascinating tidbits of anthropology (''storks clatter their beaks to attract the females''); fragments of dialogue from old movies (''Akim Tamiroff in *The Great Gatsby* arguing, 'A man without a wife is like a coat without the pants, like a pig without a poke''); and a mishmash of Jewish wisecracks (''Mom once said of Benn, 'In love, my brother is the kind of hemophiliac who would shave in the dark with a straight razor' '').

Bellow demonstrated at the interview that he is himself keen-minded when tossing out both well-honed ideas and witticisms.

Physically, he is a surprisingly slight, soft-spoken, white-haired man, 5-foot-9 and 165 pounds, with alert, skeptical brown eyes, a radiant, gap-toothed smile, and a charming little chuckle when he delivers an amusing observation.

I asked him, ''How does it feel to be 72? How old do you actually feel inside your skull?''

He shook his head in wonderment. ''I'm astounded to think I'm 72. That's a ridiculous number. I never thought I'd live so long. I feel 20 years younger.

''But that's common for Americans to refuse to 'act their age,' as the saying goes. I hear women playing bridge refer to 'the girls' who are their bridge partners. In fact, the 'girls' are in their 80s. I can understand that. I may be 72, but I've never felt elderly.''

''Looking back, at what age did you feel your best?''

He chuckled a little devilishly. ''The age when I attracted most women.''

Married three times and still retaining his good looks and vitality, Bellow seems to enjoy his success and towering reputation as a literary giant.

Of all the fictional characters he has created, he indentifies most closely with *Henderson, The Rain King* — the mad adventurer in a highly exotic Africa.

Why Henderson? ''Because he's the absurd seeker of higher qualities in life,'' says Bellow.

It doesn't bother Bellow that for years Jack Nicholson has retained the movie rights to *Henderson, The Rain King*, but the Hollywood studios have refused to produce it.

He was disappointed with the results of a recent TV adaptation of one of his early novels, *Seize The Day*, starring Robin Williams as a has-been actor who has become a used car salesman to pay for a divorce.

''I switched it off after watching it for just a few minutes,'' says Bellow. ''It struck the wrong note, like so many film adaptations of books I've admired. I've stopped watching bad movie versions of good books ever since I saw what they did with *Anna Karenina*, starring Frederic March and Vivien Leigh. It was really unpleasant to look at the butchering.''

Consequently, he takes it philosophically that MGM has for years owned the film rights for another novel, *The Adventures of Augie March*, but also has yet to produce it.

''I'm always happy when they pay me money,'' he said, smiling, ''and then they don't make the picture.''

Bellow's memories of his Jewish childhood in Montreal are meaningful to him, and he says he has used them most vividly in his best-selling novel, *Herzog*.

I asked him to describe his parents, and he seemed to have the fondest recollections of his mother, Liza Gordon.

Saul Bellow, North America's leading Jewish novelist, looks back nostalgically to his Canadian childhood.

''She was the daughter of one of those Jewish scholars who never worked,'' Bellow recalled. ''He spent all his time immersed in books, and depended on my grandmother from Riga, Latvia, who somehow managed to support her husband and 12 children.''

He remembers his father, Abraham, as ''a small intense, handsome man, with a raging temper.''

His father had emigrated from St. Petersburg (now Leningrad), where he had been an importer of Egyptian onions. Not knowing English, it had been a struggle for him to earn a living in Canada.

First he failed as a farmer on a piece of land near Valleyfield, Que. Then when he moved into the slum area of Montreal, he failed as a baker; failed in the drygoods business; failed as a jobber; failed as a manufacturer of sacks for munitions for the Canadian government during World War I, when nobody else failed.

He failed as a junk dealer. Then he became a marriage broker and failed — too short-tempered and blunt.

Finally, he failed as a bootlegger, getting into trouble forging labels. Bellow recalls his father, with the paste pot on the kitchen table, calling out cheerfully, ''Well, children, what shall it be? White Horse or Johnnie Walker?''

Bellow was steeped in the Talmud at Hebrew school in Montreal, and is glad that he grew up learning four languages — Yiddish, Hebrew, French and English.

He recalls little about his early years in the slums of Chicago, except that he was religious and thought of himself as an Indian — what he calls ''Chicago's only Jewish Indian.''

''Why so?'' I asked him.

''Because I was infatuated with the Indians in James Fenimore Cooper's novels,'' he said, chuckling. ''I used to practice Indian tracking through the bushes of Chicago's parks.''

I asked him what he thought of the literary critic who claimed that Bellow united two mainstreams of American fiction — Mark Twain for freshness of feeling and humor and Henry James for intellectual richness.

''I can't say I agree,'' said Bellow. ''I can only agree we have one thing in common — we speak with an individual American voice.''

He is happy to say, though, that after writing his first two novels, *The Victim* and *Dangling Man*, he liberated himself from constraints that he should try to write like an Englishman or a sophisticated contributor to the New Yorker magazine.

''I finally freed myself and wrote easily, naturally, copiously, as a Jew and the son of Russian Jews,'' he recalls. He also in the process liberated himself from being a Jewish *kvetcher*.

''I got very tired of the solemnity of complaint,'' he recalls. ''Obliged to choose between complaint and comedy. I chose comedy, as more energetic, wiser, and manlier. This is really one reason why I dislike my own early novels. I find them plaintive, sometimes querulous. *Herzog* makes comic use of complaint.''

In his most recent novel, *More Die Of Heartbreak*, **I told him that the ex-***kvetcher* **had risen to the supreme heights of Jewish comedy.**

Jamaican Jew rests in Polish grave

By
MURRAY TATE

On Allejia Armia St. in the Polish City of Poznan (formerly Posen) there is a heroes' military cemetery. It is guarded by three silent mounted cannons.

In it there are 430 graves of Allied servicemen who fell in the fight against the Nazis. It is a beautifully kept place, which is visited regularly by classes of schoolchildren who are taught by their teachers what had happened and why these men had died. Poznan community groups take turns looking after the graves which include Soviet, British, Australian, Polish and Canadian fallen. The latter include 16 Canadians.

Among the scores of crosses, there stands out, in startling contrast, a Star of David. It is on the tombstone of A.G. Henriquez, Pilot Officer of the Royal Air Force. He was born in Jamaica, West Indies. At the age of 28 he was shot down on Aug. 17, 1944 while leading a mission against the Nazi invaders. The Poznan community, almost completely Catholic, has installed the following inscription on his tombstone:

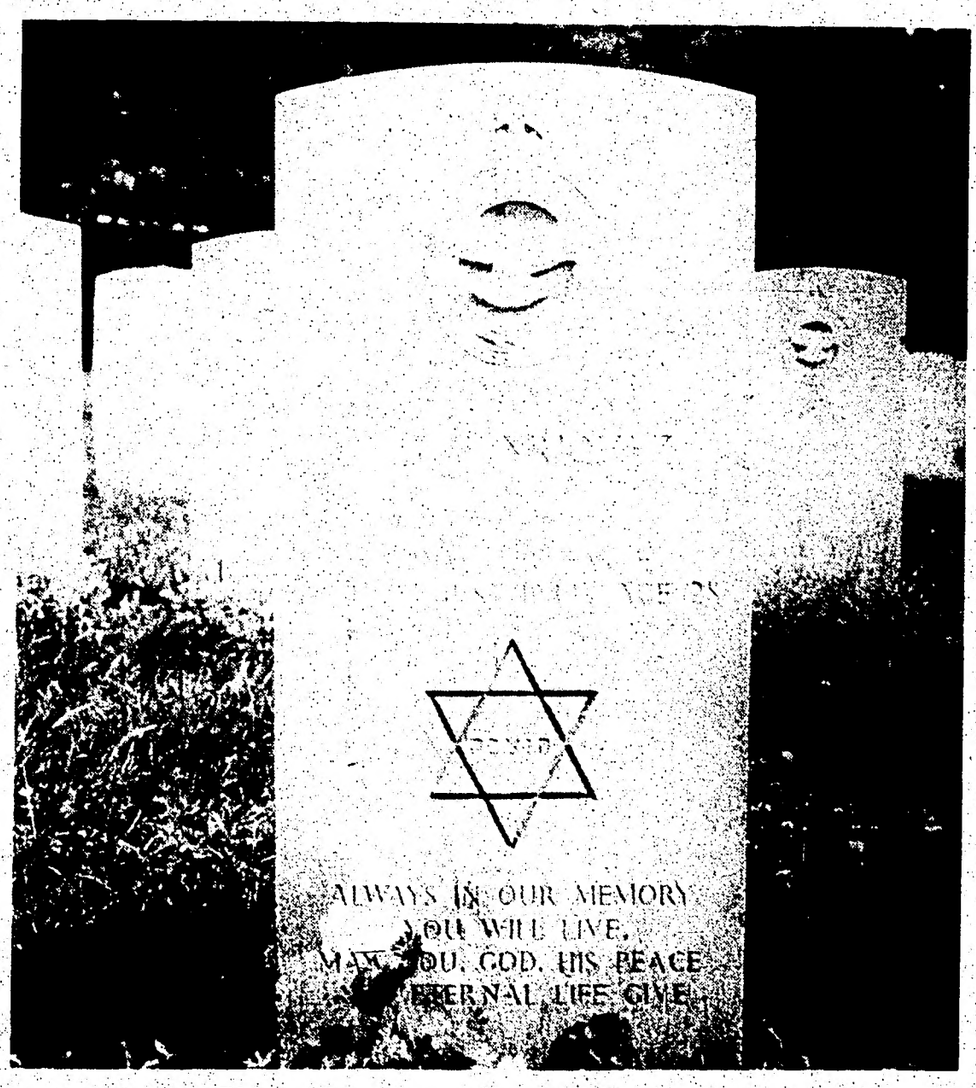
''Always in our memory you will live,
May you, God, his peace and eternal life give.''

There were fresh flowers on his grave.

Accompanying the writer on his visit was Prof. M. Kobylanski of Poznan University and others. (Prof. Kobylanski has been honored by Yad Vashem for saving a Jewish life at the risk of his own during the Nazi occupation.) All bowed their heads as the immortal words of Kaddish was said over the grave of this fallen hero, far away from his homeland. Overhead the chestnut and fir trees whispered gently in the June breeze, while lilac bushes spread their scent.

Pilot Officer Henriquez, a Jew from distant, sunny Jamaica rests peacefully among his comrades of the Royal Air Force, the RCAF, and Polish, Ukrainian and Australian fighters who gave their lives that Nazism should not triumph. The Magen David, the Star of David shines brightly and proudly on this hero's tombstone in the City of Poznan!

• *Murray Tate is a member of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada.*



The Star of David in Polish military cemetery.

Opinion

Author predicts music will someday be heard for itself

Darker side of Richard Wagner's genius detailed

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Richard Wagner's music is sublime. Wagner (1813-1883), whose operas represent the fullest musical expression of German romanticism, lives on through works such as *Tannhauser*, *Tristan und Isolde* and *Parsifal*, performed in every civilized nation but Israel.

In the Jewish state, Wagner — a musical staple — is ignored by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, and state radio and television are forbidden to play him. Israelis who admire his genius must listen to his soaring melodies in the privacy of their homes.

Wagner is banned in Israel because of his bitter and defiant attacks on Jews. Wagner, unlike some other composers who were not well disposed toward Jews, made a fetish of his pathological anti-semitism. He wrote a scurrilous pamphlet, *Judaism in Music*, which made anti-semitism culturally respectable, and he exerted a marked influence on Adolf Hitler.

Hitler, one of his great admirers, saw to it that Wagner's music was regularly played in Bayreuth in connection with Nazi Party meetings. In Nazi iconography, Wagner was a supreme symbol of anti-semitism.

No one, therefore, can be surprised that Wagner is personna non grata in Israel. "The time will no doubt come when the historical background of Wagner's art will have faded to such an extent that it will be possible to present his works detached from their moorings and solely on the basis of their innate esthetic value," writes Jacob Katz in *The Darker Side of Genius (University Press of New England, $14.95)*. "For the time being this development is not in sight, at least in... Israel..."

Katz, emeritus professor of Jewish educational and social history at the Hebrew University, has written what may be the first comprehensive treatment of Wagner's anti-semitism. Analyzing his attitudes in the context of his times, Katz traces the course of his antipathy to Jews.

Before the publication of *Judaism in Music* in 1850, Katz contends, Wagner made no anti-Jewish utterances. But he was not free of the taint of anti-semitism, conceding that "in real active contact with Jews," he was "repelled" by them.

For a man so obsessed by Jews, it is ironical that a substantial number of his associates were of Jewish origin. Foremost among them were Giacomo (Jacob) Meyerbeer, who is best remembered for his flamboyant operas; Hermann Levi, the conductor, and Heinrich Porges, the publisher.

Richard Wagner

Giacomo Meyerbeer

In *Judaism in Music* (republished in 1869), Wagner wrote of the "destructive effect" of Jewish participation in the arts — "the Judaization of modern art." His principal thesis was that the whole of European culture, and particularly its music, remained inaccessible to Jews. Cultural creativity, even in the most refined form, he held, sprang from "its natural soil, the true folk soul." In order to draw upon this spirit, he added, the artist had to have a living connection with the common people who embodied it. "Now where does the educated Jew find this people?" Wagner asked. "The Jew does not belong to it..."

Wagner could not — and would not — accept Jews on their own merits. "The Jews are welcome if they truly, sincerely and inwardly wish to belong to us," he wrote. "They then cease to be Jews. But to exploit our culture, without having inwardly achieved this... is pernicious."

It is not surprising that he opposed the struggle by Jews and their Christian cohorts for civic equality. "The Jew is... already more than emancipated," he said. "He rules, and will rule as long as money remains the power before which all our actions lose their power."

Although Wagner did not join the anti-semitic movements of the day, he supported them and took pride in his contributions to their formation, Katz says. Wagner's cautious conduct, he goes on to say, was determined by sheer opportunism: his fear of further alienating his Jewish adherents and admirers.

In private, with the passage of time, Wagner's opinions of Jews grew still more radical. Branding Jews as the "demon causing mankind's downfall," he called for drastic measures such as limitations on freedom, expulsion, and even burning.

Wagner's anti-semitism was shared by his wife, Cosima, the daughter of Franz Liszt. After his death, she was trustee of his estate.

Houston Stewart Chamberlain, who married their youngest daughter, was British by birth, French by upbringing and German by choice, a notorious racist who knew Hitler and probably reinforced his belief that the Jews were a mongrel people.

Despite Wagner's noxious views and questionable associations, the Palestine Philharmonic Orchestra continued playing his music until late 1938. After Kristallnacht, however, he was effectively banned.

One imagines that Wagner will remain a pariah in Israel as long as the Holocaust casts its long, dark shadows on the Jewish people.

He dismissed Jewish prayers as "gurgle" and "cackle"

According to Katz, Wagner's stormy relationship with Meyerbeer (1791-1864) was one of the sources of his anti-semitism. Wagner was jealous of Meyerbeer, and, being paranoic, attributed his early difficulties at acceptance to his cunning machinations. Unfortunately, Katz doesn't elaborate on this point, a regrettable gap in this book. He simply points out that Wagner expanded his dislike of Meyerbeer into an all-encompassing conspiracy theory about Jews and the worthlessness of Jewish contributions to German culture.

Wagner's association with the musical publisher, Maurice Schlesingner, also fanned his growing bitterness vis-a-vis Jews. Recommended to Schlesinger by Meyerbeer, the temperamental Wagner soon had reason to hate him. Wagner, Katz says, could not help but feel that Schlesinger was "taking advantage" of him. "He is a scoundrel," Wagner informed a friend in a letter. Here, too, Katz fails to provide ample documentation to show whether or not Schlesinger acted rapaciously.

Katz suggests that Wagner's negative feelings about Jews were also triggered by his exposure to elderly, Yiddish-speaking Jews. Wagner was not enchanted by these people, describing their speech as a "creaking, squeaking, buzzing snuffle." He had even less admiration for the manner in which they said their prayers, dismissing them as a "gurgle" and a "cackle." This experience seems to have convinced him that Jews, regardless of their acculturation, were intrinsically a foreign element in German society.

Luxury apartments to replace last synagogue

Hong Kong Jews fight to save shul

By
VIC ALHADEFF

HONG KONG —

The last surviving synagogue in Hong Kong is threatened with imminent demolition to make way for luxury apartment houses.

The majestic monument to the once-proud Hong Kong Jewish community, which originated in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad but came via India, was built at the turn of the century and is one of the oldest synagogues on the Asian continent.

The synagogue's trustees, led by Jewish philanthropist Lord Lawrence Kadoorie — after whom a school in the Galilee is named — steered an action through the Hong Kong Supreme Court recently giving the trustees absolute control over the fate of the synagogue. Members of the island's 500 remaining Jews are fighting a desperate rearguard battle in a last-ditch attempt to stop the bulldozers.

Built in 1903 on elaborate Sephardic lines, the synagogue, the land on which it stands and $7,000 were given to the community by benefactor Sir Jacob Sassoon in memory of his mother. (Sassoon later built a second synagogue in Shanghai, dedicated to his wife.) It was to be used for religious purposes only, although educational facilities were permitted. In 1980 Kadoorie and the trustees had the contract amended to allow the synagogue to be demolished under certain conditions and the land to be leased out. The latest court action has given them total control over its fate.

The trustees say they received instructions from the government to ensure that the synagogue is structurally secure, and that serious cracks have been discovered in the foundations. Community leaders, on the other hand, argue that their engineers examined the foundation twice and diagnosed them as sound, with a minimal amount of repair work needed.

Kadoorie has promised to include a synagogue in the property development, as well as an auditorium, club and school.

Opponents of the scheme plan to seek a court injunction to thwart the demolition, followed by a fund raising campaign to finance definitive legal action, a petition to stop the move on historical grounds and an appeal to the governor of Hong Kong "to exercise his prerogative to save this precious legacy by having it declared a historical monument."

The backing of Israel's two Chief Rabbis has been sought in the dispute, and both oppose the demolition.

Yip Cho-hong, executive secretary of the Hong Kong government's antiquities and monuments office, commented recently that it is feasible that the government could declare the synagogue a national monument.

My little solitary motor universe

I love the feel behind the wheel

By
ELAINE KAHN

Cars pollute the air, cost more than a PhD and depreciate even sooner. They reduce one's physical fitness level, have an insatiable appetite for tax-paid roads and require driveways where nature intended us to have flower beds.

But I'll tell you — when I'm tense or tired or just need time by myself, the space in my brain reserved for such social conscience begins broadcasting reruns of the Indy 500. To me, slipping into something comfortable and relaxing means sliding behind a steering wheel and going for a drive.

I know that driving to relax seems a contradiction in terms, given the ostensible aggravation of traffic jams and ubiquitous road construction. And safety experts rightly say that a car is not the place to work out one's problems — one slip in concentration and you may cause a much greater one. But I crave my little solitary motor universe, even in rush hour, almost even through snow, sleet, wind and hail. I love the chance to talk to myself — and answer. It's the only time I sing — which, if you could hear me, would be self-explanatory.

A radio is a necessity in any car I drive. The point is not just enjoyment — it's staying alert and awake. One of my beefs against cruise control is that it works against such wakefulness.

The other is that it lacks sensuality. Driving a car should be like jockeying a great horse or, well, like sex — at the very least, you should realize you're doing it. I like to believe that, if I twitch my little toe ever so slighly inside my snowboot on the gas pedal, the car will feel the stroke and move faster. And I prefer stickshift.

Although I do hope my next car will not, at highway speeds, seem so fragile that passing trucks transform into monstrous vacuum cleaners, I don't really care what kind of car I drive — it's merely the vehicle for the transport of pleasure.

I can't even remember the make of the first car I drove — I was only 4 years old. On a dirt road back of the family farm near Oshawa, coming back from a peaceful Sunday afternoon of visiting, my uncle Otto handed me the wheel. One of my few clear memories of my late blind paternal grandfather is of Grandma calming him in the back seat as I immediately swerved at a ditch.

A born driver.

Naturally, I would rather drive than be driven, which caused my mother much consternation when I first began dating. After all, if driving is power, as it most delightfully is, then it rests with the male. Luckily, I married a man with other ideas of mastery — and it does not hurt his pride to too debilitating a degree to know the only driver I trust as much as myself is my father.

Trust is crucial for someone who spends a lot of time willingly on the road. I have to believe that all those other drivers are sensible, capable, sober and not planning to commit suicide by jumping the median and deliberately crashing into me. This lurid possibility lends driving the exhilarating kick that has become indispensable to my mental health.

Opinion

Some oddities during Tisha B'Av

Believe it or not — but I promise you it's true

By
J. B. SALSBERG

So you, my dear readers, think that after two weeks of enforced absence from this highly esteemed corner I would be most eager to resume my weekly display of brilliant comment on people and events. But the truth is (and when am I not truthful with you?) that I lingered as long as I could before I finally succumbed to the blandishments of the editor to make my weekly pilgrimage to this unequalled Jewish guide and monitor.

J. B. Salsberg

I capitulated and, thank Heaven, I landed safely to face the cruel, manually operated typewriter.

So, greetings and salutations, my friends. Actually I'm glad to be back and I hope that you enjoyed **your** vacation. Me? Would I leave my watchtower, from which I keep an eagle-eye on this tortured world, for two long weeks? Never! The world didn't disintegrate because I didn't allow things to become utterly deranged. I stayed dutifully at my strategic post while everyone else was busy doing all the silly things that people do at summertime.

However, I suspect that the real reason for my disinclination to return to the typewriter is the haunting feeling that the world, and the Jewish sector of it, are in a state of frightening disarray. There is little cheerful about the total scene. It is, as they say in Yiddish, nisht freilech (nothing to celebrate).

It may, therefore be wiser to leave the truly important problems for later and limit myself, for this week, to some minor but telling observations that I made on Bathurst Street, the heartland of Toronto's renowned Jewish community. It will deal mainly with Tisha B'Av, (the 9th day of the month of Av), the day when, according to Jewish tradition, the Temple was destroyed and Jewish statehood was lost.

For nearly 2,000 years that day was observed as a day of fasting and of lamentations. For most of those years it was observed by practically all Jews everywhere in the world. Later, when modernity, secularism and the assertion of political Zionist thinking and action moved to the forefront of the Jewish scene, Tisha B'Av lost some of its traditional observance, but it did remain as a day of special meaning.

For one, like myself, who has travelled the distance from the traditional Jewish shtetl community to the Jewish life-pattern of North America in the last quarter of the 20th century, for such a one the mass ignorance of Tisha B'av is still a matter of amazement.

In my earlier childhood, in Lagov, the entire Jewish community, young and old, was in deep, genuine mourning on that day. The eve of Tisha B'Av brought everyone to the synagogue. Shoes were removed, everyone sat on the floor and weepingly read the age-old tale of the destruction of the Temple. Everyone fasted, of course.

Now, I'm not, heaven forbid, lecturing anyone. Nor am I suggesting that the ancient practices should universally survive. Certainly, the rebirth of Israel changes (as it should) the old practices of memorializing the ancient loss of statehood. But the present abysmal ignorance of Tisha B'Av is truly amazing. For instance:

• A few days before this year's Tisha B'Av I found myself in a store that caters to Jews. The young owner of the store wears a yarmulkeh in order to please his Orthodox customers. In good spirits I reminded him that the coming Monday was a civic holiday in Toronto and asked whether his store would be open on that day. Oh, yes, he replied seriously, I know that Monday will be civic holiday and, he volunteered proudly, "Tuesday will be a Jewish holiday." I asked what they call that Jewish holiday. Why, he declaimed, it's the holiday of Tisha B'Av! Gevalt!

• On Tuesday, Tisha B'Av, I found myself in a small restaurant that is frequented by Jews, almost exclusively. The place was full and everyone there was engaged in doing what they do there everyday. Ay, ay, ay, I said loudly in feigned surprise, do you people know that this is Tisha B'Av? Everyone there seemed to be very pleased with the reminder.

But one gentleman of very serious mien sidled up to me and whisperingly asked whether yizkor (prayer for one's deceased parents) was recited on Tisha B'Av. After I assured him that was not the case he smiled with relief. He would never miss yizkor, he assured me. Again, gevalt!

Finally, but this I didn't witness myself but am reliably informed of, a Jewish lady entered a Jewish gift shop and asked what she should buy as a Tisha B'Av present for her little grandson!

Having gotten these oddities off my chest I am ready to turn to really important world and Jewish issues that await our help.

Meet you next week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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HITS RABBI'S "DAMNABLE THEORY"

Jerrold Landau, in his letter of July 23, engages in much fancy semantics in defending Rabbi Moshe Meiselman's views on why the Holocaust occurred, while at the same time attacking Morton Manilla's criticism of the rabbi's pronouncement.

It is fascinating to read Landau's theory that "the failings of the Jewish people can cause God to hide his face from us."

What a lovely euphemism for saying that God ordained the slaughter of 6 million Jews for failing to observe God's commandments!

This is the damnable theory which many Orthodox spokesmen have espoused, and which their chassidim have parroted but never repudiated, to their everlasting shame.

Sam Hoffman
Toronto

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RAPS RABBI'S "CLAPTRAP LOGIC"

Re Jerrold Landau's letter defending Rabbi Moshe Meiselman's views on the Holocaust against his detractors:

Of all the nonsensical claptrap ever written, this bit of twisted convoluted logic must rank near the top.

Am I to understand that because of certain failings as a people, God would condemn over a million innocent children to perish by steel and fire?

Sam Pasternack
Toronto

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THANKS BUT NO THANKS!

I heartily concur with Morton Manilla's views in his June 18 letter about Rabbi Moshe Meiselman's speech at the Clanton Park Synagogue, claiming that the Holocaust was God's punishment for the Jewish victims having sinned.

This same kind of perverse thinking is the one which British Chief Rabbi and the Lubavitcher Rebbe have expounded, saying that the killing of 6 million Jews was God's way of chastising his people for having strayed from his commandments.

In other words, Hitler, Eichmann and the Nazis were merely doing God's work, whereas the Jews who were slaughtered, burned and tortured to death, were deserving of their fate.

If this is Orthodoxy's message, thanks but no thanks. I want no part of it.

Carl Appel
Toronto

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SOVIET STAMPS OUT STAMPS

Re Herman Landau's July 23 letter on behalf of Manfred Zoref in the Soviet Union who is seeking Canadian pen pals to exchange postage stamps with him:

Let me remind him that, according to a regulation passed on July 1, 1981, cancelled or uncancelled postage stamps are on the USSR's list of prohibited import items.

Misha Allen
Toronto

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HE'S SUED FOR $6 MILLION

I am a young yeshiva student who is presently being sued by a member of a missionary-cult group for $6 million.

It is disgusting for anyone to desecrate the memory of the six million in this manner (aside from the fact that my parents are Holocaust survivors). But it is above reproach when one thinks that the reason that I am being sued is because I was exercising my right as a Jewish individual in trying to bring back one of their Jewish members to our people.

All I did was to write a simple letter which may help that individual think the about the reasons why we are Jews and what our purpose in life is as Jews.

For this, they had the gall to sue me for $6 million.

At first, I thought this lawsuit was nothing more than a joke. But it seems that they are intent upon pursuing this matter.

I am therefore turning to your readers. In order to prepare my legal defence against the missionary group I need the following information on:

(1) Harassment by any missionary/cult group in any form or manner (such as calling any members of your family without permission).

(2) If you know of any missionary/cult group going into nursing homes without permission.

(3) The use of "scare tactics" by any missionary/cult group (such as putting a snake in a person's mailbox — something which happened to me!).

(4) Any way in which you know how they misrepresent who they are.

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KUDOS TO PARKINSON

Thank you so much for the lovely article recently by Bruce Parkinson about the Toronto-Bayview Regional Cancer Centre.

As of yet, the donations have not started pouring in, but it is articles such as the one he wrote that help.

On behalf of the staff and patients, I would like to thank you for your support.

Andrea Iscoe
Toronto

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NAME GAME GETS AROUND

You will be interested to learn that your readership is wider than you might envisage.

Some of my articles on the "Name Game" came to the attention of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society and were reproduced with permission in its bulletin.

The current issue of The Searchlight, published by the Quinte Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society of Bloomfield, Ont., also contained several pages of my material.

I am told that these publications circulate in the United States and Australia and are preserved in the Canadian Archives.

Fred M. Catzman
Toronto

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Reader says that Lucy Peacock, playing the title role of Ingmar Bergman's Nora at the Stratford Festival, would be just as relevant today if she starred in a revival of Ibsen's original feminist drama, A Doll's House.

"DOLL'S HOUSE" TOPICAL TODAY

As a feminist, I disagree with Frank Rasky's recent review of Ingmar Bergman's *Nora* currently playing at the Stratford Festival and starring Lucy Peacock as the rebellious housewife who slammed the door in the face of her tyrannical husband.

Your theatre critic commended Bergman for updating Henrik Ibsen's original play *A Doll's House* on the theory that the domestic drama would appear outmoded and oldfashioned to today's audiences, like a museum piece lingering among the mothballs in "a Victorian parlor."

My retort to that is: Nonsense!

If Mr. Rasky and Mr. Bergman would look around them, they would see all too many contemporary wives still treated like empty-headed dolls — or what's worse, like enslaved little-girl vassals — by their patronizing husbands.

For these subjugated women, a revival of Ibsen's *A Doll's House* would be extremely meaningful today.

Leah Epstein
Toronto

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URGES RESCUE OF SHUL

The Mizrachi is a movement dedicated to Zionism and the strengthening of the Jewish spiritual heritage. Which is why I find it incongruous that it has put up for sale its synagogue on Vaughan Rd. at St. Clair Ave. — the only Jewish house of worship in the entire area, stretching from Yonge St. west as far as one can see (or go). It is an area once served by no less than eight Jewish congregations.

It will be leaving homeless a minyan of Jews who will have no other place to come together to pray to God.

Is the Mizrachi in such dire need of funds that it has no concern for the religious needs of Jews who want to practice their traditional faith?

Sam Abrams
Toronto

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SAYS WE'RE UNFAIR TO AMISH

Re your July 16 travel article headed "Pennsylvania Dutch country enchants":

I usually cringe when any paper uses its travel section to extol the things to be seen in Pennsylvania Dutch country, including Mennonites and Amish. Such articles then go on to promote the Lancaster, Penn. area.

Lancaster became the first major tourist trap, with its proximity to eastern American cities, but the attraction has spread to communities in Ohio, Indiana and Ontario.

My apprehension lies in those tourists who rush in, view some horses and buggies; take pictures (taboo among conservative Mennonites and Amish); do the rounds of restaurants and boutiques which have mushroomed to benefit financially from the influx; and then go home to tell their friends that they have seen the Mennonites or Amish. Persons glibly use the terms interchangeably.

May I point out that Mennonites and Amish form as broad a spectrum in religious practices as does Judaism. How can one stereotype a religious Jew?

As a Mennonite, I have never owned a car with black chrome, nor did my father before me. We purchase according to our needs. The black car and horse and buggy groups are minorities, but happen to be conspicuous, thanks to their way of life. Progressive Mennonites and Amish are in the midst of a merger in Ontario.

Your paper is quite concerned that the Jewish community is portrayed in a fair manner. It would be a kind gesture to do the same for others — in this case the Mennonites and Amish.

Kenneth W. Cressman
New Hamburg, Ont.

World-National

Jews will meet Pope before his U.S. visit

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Pope's failure to mention the fact that Jews were the main victims at the Maidanek concentration camp. The Pope visited Maidanek last May and listed 14 nationalities whose members were murdered by the Nazis. He did not mention the Jews, although 850,000 of them were killed there.

A statement issued here by the SCA said that the meeting with the Pope would last between 60 to 90 minutes. It said that "the full agenda of Catholic/Jewish relations would be discussed with the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews and the Vatican Secretariat to be followed by a meeting with Pope John Paul II."

The members of the IJCIC are: The Synagogue Council of America, World Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith and the Israel Interfaith Association. Since 1972, IJCIC has represented the world Jewish community in discussions with the Vatican on Catholic/Jewish relations.

Waxman said that other issues to be discussed during the Vatican meetings are anti-semitism and the Vatican's continued refusal to recognize the state of Israel.

As to the Miami meeting with the Pope, Waxman said: "We reserve our final decision on whether or not to go to Miami for the ceremonial meeting with the Pope pending the outcome of the forthcoming discussions at the Vatican."

'Frisco's Feinstein will receive Pope

SAN FRANCISCO—

Mayor Dianne Feinstein plans to hold a fundraising reception at her home July 23 for Pope John Paul II's visit to San Francisco in September despite the Holy See's audience with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim June 25.

Ironically, Feinstein, who is Jewish, was one of three U.S. mayors and eight members of Congress who launched a national petition drive protesting the Pope's audience with Waldheim and urging the Vatican to recognize the State of Israel.

The Austrian president has been banned from entering the United States because of his history of alleged war crimes as a Nazi officer in World War II.

The mayor explained that she agreed to host the $250-a-head fundraiser — which will help offset costs being incurred by the Archdiocese of San Francisco — before the Vatican announced the meeting between the Pope and Waldheim, whom she referred to as a "redoubtable character."

She explained that she did not cancel the event because the Pope's scheduled trip to San Francisco Sept. 17-18 "is a major visit to the city," and because "when I give my word, I keep my word."

Nonetheless, at least one prominent Jew has declined to serve on the San Francisco papal welcoming committee because of the Pope's meeting with Waldheim. In addition, a number of Bay Area Jewish leaders who were invited to the event at Feinstein's home have said they will not attend because of the Waldheim affair — although they declined to be named in print.

About 1,000 people have been invited to the fundraiser.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

(1) What did these important Yiddish authors in the Soviet Union — Peretz Markish, David Hofstein, Itzik Feffer and David Bergelson — have in common?

(2) What was the name of the anti-Jewish episode in Soviet history when prominent Moscow doctors were accused of plotting the assassination of Soviet leaders?

(3) Whom did Nikita Khruschev blame for the Doctor's Plot?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

(1) They were executed by the Communist regime on Aug. 12, 1952.

(2) Doctor's Plot, Jan. 13, 1953.

(3) Josef Stalin.

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These questions and answers came from the book *6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People* by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, recently published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o The Canadian Jewish News.

Demjanjuk To. lawyer awaits OK

JERUSALEM —

Toronto lawyer Paul Chumak, 42, is here awaiting accreditation from Israeli authorities before joining the defence team of suspected war criminal John Demjanjuk.

Chumak, an assistant Ontario crown prosecutor, was hired by Demjanjuk's family, to join current defence lawyers John Gill and Yoram Sheftel.

The Ukrainian-speaking Chumak had opened a private practice, after some 15 years of government service.

The Demjanjuk defence fund is also negotiating with two lawyers in the Cleveland area, to join the defence team. They will be asked to interview the 21 surviving Treblinka inmates living in the U.S.

Demjanjuk's longtime counsel, Mark O'Connor, of Buffalo, NY, was dismissed last month.

Chumak was the crown counsel at the trial of a 19-year-old found not guilty by reason of insanity in the stabbing death January 1985 of Nancy Eaton, 23, of the department store family.

"This is a complicated case," Chumak told the press last week. "They asked me, and I decided to come in."

Chumak, active in Toronto's Ukrainian community, discussed the trial with Demjanjuk's son-in-law, Edward Nishnic, who was in Toronto as part of a North American fund raising tour several months ago.

Jewish hopefuls in Ont.

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years in exchange for certain legislative reforms.

Soon after the Liberal government took office, Miller stepped down as party leader and the Conservative Party held its second leadership convention within a year — this time choosing Grossman as the party's first Jewish leader.

At dissolution, the Liberals held 51 seats, the PCs 50 and the New Democratic Party under Bob Rae (who has a Jewish wife) 23 seats.

The Liberals made their gains in a by-election last April and through the defection of two NDP MPPs. In February, Don Mills MPP Dennis Timbrell resigned his seat.

Among the 125 MPPs sitting at dissolution, there were 4 Jews, including Consumer and Commercial Relations Minister Monte Kwinter (Wilson Heights), Oriole MPP Elinor Caplan, Mississauga North MPP Steve Offer and Grossman (St. Andrew-St. Patrick).

As well as the four Jewish incumbents who are seeking reelection, there are 10 new Jewish candidates including Ron Kanter, Liberal-St. Andrew-St. Patrick; Gladys Rothman, NDP-St. Andrew-St. Patrick; Dr. David Perry, PC-Lawrence; Evelyn Murialdo, NDP-Lawrence; Chaviva Hosek, Liberal-Oakwood; Fredelle Brief, PC-Oriole; Batya Hebdon, NDP-Willowdale; Jennifer Paton, NDP-Wilson Heights; Penina Coopersmith, NDP-Ottawa South; Paul Weinzweig, NDP-Ottawa West.

Since taking power, the Liberals have introduced a series of new health care programs designed partially to help the elderly and physically disabled remain in their homes as long as possible. This includes also a bill of rights for seniors living in nursing homes.

As well as the controversial Health Care Accessibility Act, which bans extra-billing, other programs include the Integrated Homemaker Program which provides seniors with a number of housekeeping services.

Regional geriatric units were created in community hospitals across the province and a new department of geriatrics was established at McMaster University in Hamilton.

A New Agenda — the government's White Paper on seniors' services — was also released by Ron Van Horne, Ontario's first minister for senior citizens' affairs.

Protest over Friday night films

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

In what appeared to be the beginning of a major summer campaign, 3,000 ultra-Orthodox demonstrators marched through the heart of downtown Jerusalem on Saturday afternoon to protest against the screening of Friday night films at the Beit Agron cinema.

Jaffa Road was inundated with men in black garb, the crowd roaring "Shabbes!" as tourists peered from hotel balconies and secular activists held up signs opposing "religious coercion."

Between 200 and 300 policemen were on hand to keep order, some on horseback and some manning a water cannon.

In spite of the isolated brawls and incidents of bottle-throwing, the march passed generally quietly until the end of the demonstration, when the crowd reached Rehov Straus and headed towards the ultra-Orthodox neighborhood of Mea Shearim.

After most of the crowd had already begun to disperse, a group of some 230 ultra-Orthodox men reportedly stoned passersby and police and attempted to vandalize the Histadrut building on Straus St.

Police used tear gas and clubs to restore order. Four people were arrested, according to Jerusalem Police Chief Yosef Yehuda'i.

Late Friday night, police used tear gas to break up a violent confrontation between 150 secular demonstrators and about 60 ultra-Orthodox men. The secular demonstrators, mostly from the Citizens Rights Movement and Mapam parties, charged the ultra-Orthodox protesters as they approached the cinema.

"Come, this is the army recruiting office," one of the demonstrators reportedly yelled at the ultra-Orthodox men, referring to the fact that many young ultra-Orthodox men receive exemptions from mandatory military service.

"It's impossible to control this," Knesset Member Dedi Zucker (Citizens Rights Movement) said as the secular advance began.

As religious and secular protesters pushed and punched each other, the police fired tear gas to separate them, and to get both groups to leave the area.

"At the moment, this is an absurd situation," Yehuda'i said. "We're guarding a place that operates against the city bylaws."

City bylaws forbid the showing of movies on the Sabbath, but the city's legal advisor has said that they do not forbid cultural events which include movies.

For more than two months, the Beit Agron Cinema and the Jerusalem Cinematheque have been giving lectures before their movies, thus making them cultural events.

The municipality has said that Beit Agron, which is a commercial theatre, should have to close on Friday nights, while the Cinematheque, which is a cultural institution, should probably be allowed to remain open.

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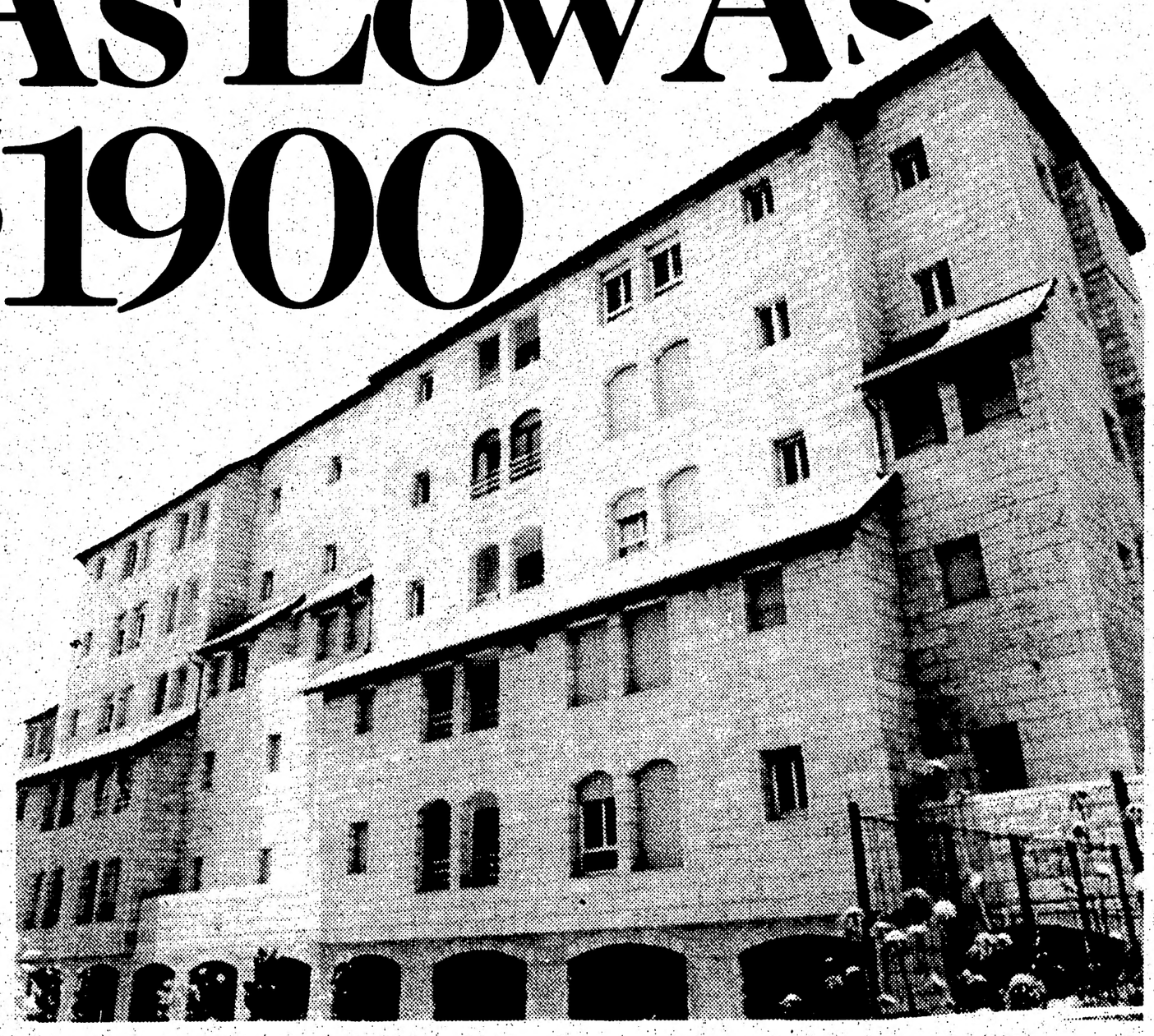

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Peace parley, conversion issues are put on hold

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the Likud softens its rejection of the conference option, or else domestic opinion, coupled with the prodding of Israel's friends abroad, will bring the issue to a head and the government will pass.

Labor sources indicate that the Americans have undertaken to press the matter energetically during the weeks ahead. These sources suggest that, with the public hearings on Irangate now ended, the administration will be able to devote more attention to Mideast diplomacy.

While the diplomatic process, and specifically the dispute over an international conference, continues to head the domestic agenda and to interest statesmen abroad, the Who is a Jew issue uniquely blends party-political differences and Diaspora concerns.

Without doubt, the Orthodox lobby made unprecedented gains during the session of the Knesset now ending. Several Likud-Liberals who previously had consistently urged their party leaders to vote against all Orthodox-inspired legislation on conversion, obediently supported a Shas amendment to the mandatory change of religion ordinance last month.

But the majority still rejected legislation that would, in effect, enshrine Orthodox conversion as the only form officially recognized by the State. To that extent, Labor and its allies are still triumphantly holding the line — and can proudly assert to the Jewish leadership abroad that they are fighting for this principle — at the expense of immediate expediency.

The Diaspora leadership for its part, has become more worried and more strident than ever in their opposition to the proposed Orthodox amendment, and have been more outspoken than ever in their warnings to Shamir of the devastating effects should the amendment ever be passed into law.

Last week, a back-door attempt by Shas to have subordinate legislation approved by the Knesset law committee was effectively filibustered by opposing MKs. The attempt was doomed because a religious MK, Avner Shaki of the National Religious Party, rejected that Shas proposal on the grounds that it is not far-reaching enough.

But the Likud was anxious to demonstrate to Shas and to Agudat Yisrael that it was fulfilling to the end its commitment to help pass the Who is a Jew measures which they submit.

The proposed new rule would require all converts to deposit their certificate of conversion with the (Shas-run) ministry of interior. That certificate would subsequently serve to winnow out Reform and Conservative converts when they wished to marry.

However — and this was Shaki's reservation — these converts would continue to receive ID cards classifying them as Jewish.

Once the unity government breaks up, whether before its time or in late 1988 as required by statute, there is little doubt that Who is a Jew will be the key negotiating issue between the Orthodox parties and each of the big blocs.

Aguda's Avraham Shapira said baldly that what he wants is a narrow-based government — of either hue. "We'll never get what we want so long as Labor and Likud are together," he said.

In an attempt to avoid that — by no means the first such attempt in Israel's political history — a new liberal centre party announced its birth last week. Amnon Rubinstein, leader of Shinui and until recently a government minister, joined hands with veteran independent Liberal leader Moshe Kol and with various splinter groupings from the political centre to create a new rallying-point for voters who find the Likud too nationalistic, and Labor too socialist.

No Israel link to diversion

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Left with no proven Israeli link to the diversion, some have sought to place the responsibility for the Iranian initiative entirely on Israel in an effort to give the Reagan administration the excuse that "the Israelis made me do it."

This view was rejected by Secretary of State George Shultz when he testified before the committees. "When it comes to undertaking something by the United States government then we have to recognize . . . that we're big boys and we have to take responsibility for whatever it is we do. We can't say that somebody else suggested it to us, therefore its their fault," Shultz said.

However, throughout the hearings, Sen. James McClure continually questioned witnesses on whether the Israelis had pushed the U.S. into the initiative.

McClure vigorously denied he was anti-Israel at the closing public session. However, he added, "we cannot really trace the evolution of American policy in this instance without looking at the influence, the very strong influence, and some would say the very proper influence, of people who are friends of Israel upon U.S. policy and Israeli influence upon our policy."

Israel officials have made no secret that they believe the effort to establish a link with officials in Iran was a correct policy, as does President Reagan.

During the hearings there was agreement by many on the committees that while the effort may have been justified, it gradually deteriorated into an arms for hostages arrangement, something which Reagan continues to deny strongly. However, during a meeting with reporters in Washington in June, Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin argued that the effort to use the sale of arms to Iran to gain release of the American hostages in Lebanon was justified. He also suggested that Israel is hampered in its efforts to attack terrorists in Lebanon by the fear that the American hostages could be killed in a raid or because of it.

Testimony at the hearing left little doubt that Reagan approved the sale by Israel to Iran of 508 TOW anti-tank missiles in August 1985 and 18 Hawk ground-to-air missiles in November 1985, although after the fact. Shultz and Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger were opposed to any arms being sold to the Iranians. They had both led the U.S. effort to try to get other countries not to sell arms to either side in the Iran-Iraq war.

Testimony in the final days of the public hearing revealed that a November, 1985, meeting called to discuss the sale of arms, Shultz said that he felt "the Israelis sucked us up into their operation so we could not object to their (arms) sale to Iran."

Weinberger, who had made a note of this remark, said that while he had no personal knowledge of previous Israeli arms sales to Iran, there had been consistent reports on this throughout the U.S. government. He said when the Israelis had been confronted with the charge they said they had U.S. approval, from former Secretary of State Al Haig, for example. Weinberger also testified that he had raised the possibility that the U.S. could be subject to "blackmail" from Iran, Israel or others if it went through with the secret arms deal. He again raised this possibility in November, 1986, in urging a full disclosure by the administration after the effort had become public.

The hearings also confirmed the difference between the U.S. and Israel on the Iran-Iraq war. While the U.S. has publicly called for a ceasefire with no victors or losers, Israel has leaned toward Iran with which it had good relations until the shah was overthrown.

Weinberger feared blackmail

"As everybody knows, I am a very warm supporter of a strong relationship with Israel," Shultz told the committees. "However, I think we have to recognize that while our interests and Israel's interests are parallel in many respects they are not always exactly the same. We have to be smart enough to see that. They have legitimate interests which are not necessarily exactly our interests."

In his testimony, North also testified that Israel and the U.S. differed on the Iran-Iraq war, but were in "basic fundamental agreement," on the need for the initiative to Iran. "I believe that there was sufficient congruence between Israeli objectives and American objectives that made this project worthwhile," he said.

Rear Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security advisor, in his testimony, said that he accepted the Israeli assessment in November 1985, that Iran was losing the war with Iraq. Shultz and Weinberger, however, said that U.S. intelligence believed that Iraq was the one in danger of being defeated.

While the public hearings are over, the committees are continuing to take closed door testimony from CIA officials and from Michael Ledeen, the former consultant to the National Security Council, who first explored with Israel and others the possibility of making contact with Iranian officials. Ledeen said in a television interview that he was asked in 1985 by Robert McFarlane, then the National Security Advisor, to look into the possibility of such an initiative.

The committees are expected to release a joint report in late September. One aspect that will be eagerly awaited is the assessment of the material the committees have received from Israel.

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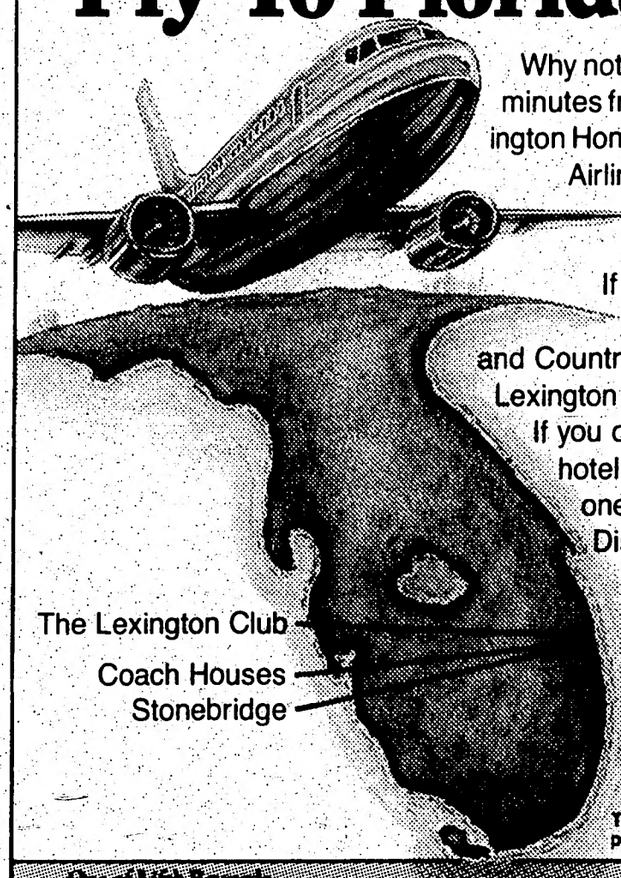

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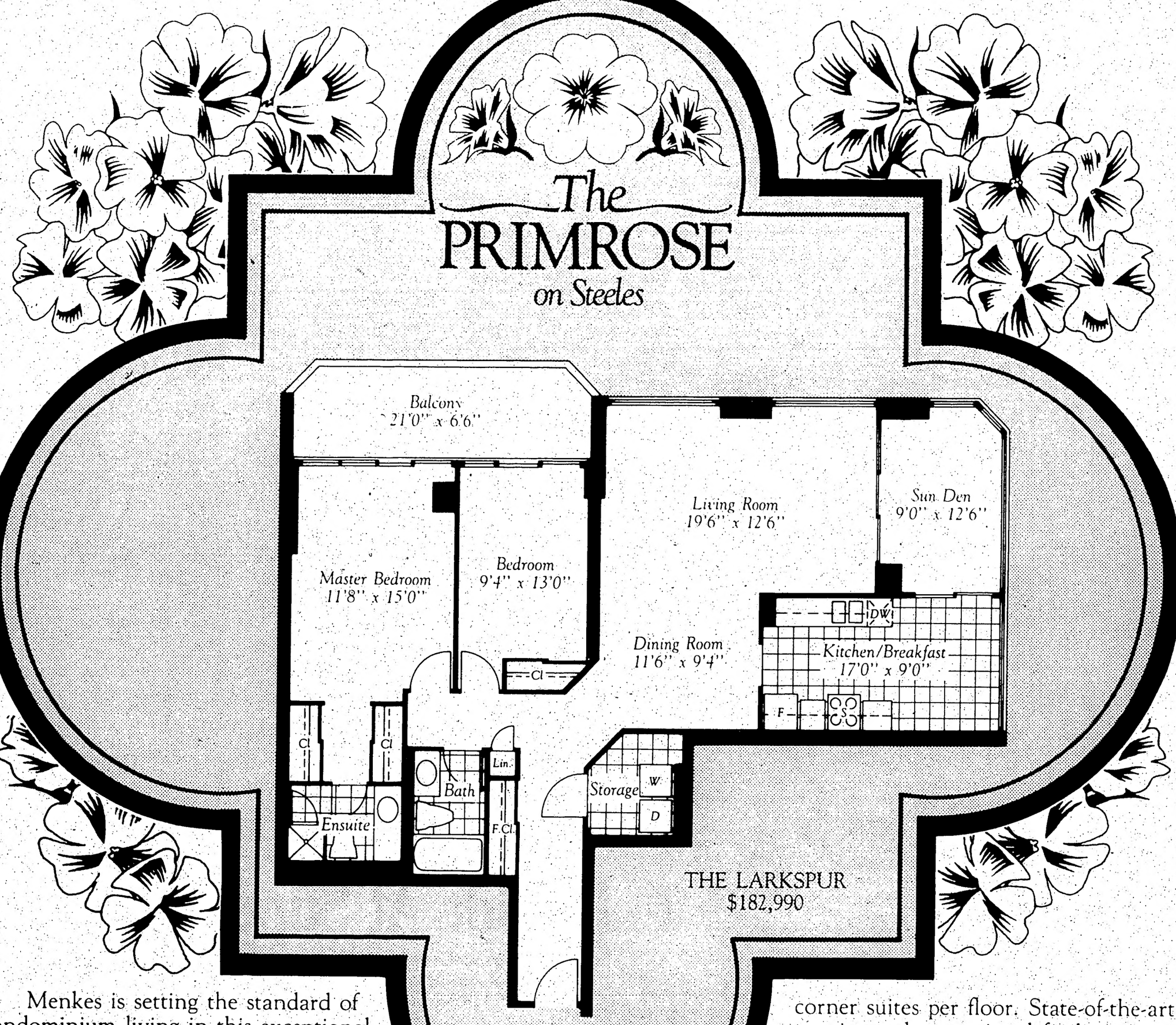

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The management of the Sheraton Jerusalem Plaza Hotel held a cocktail reception in honor of Sara Pachter (right) of Fisher Freemont Travel of Toronto, on the occasion of her 80th tour to Israel. With Mrs. Pachter (from left) are management staff Shalom Kadosh, executive chef; Gideon Efrati, rooms division manager; and Ilan Brenner, director of sales.

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Sunday, Aug. 16

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On Sunday, Aug. 16, the Entertainment and Cultural Connection of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue presents **Dr. Alfred Intrator** whose topic will be How I Relieved My Headache in Toronto When I Found a Way of Curing Toothaches in Jerusalem. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. (at Bathurst).

Everyone is welcome, so bring your mother, father, uncles, cousins and aunts. For singles who want to meet other singles there are reserved tables.

The charge is a smile for members, and $2 and a smile for guests.

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Monday, Aug. 17

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Willowdale presents Breastfeeding and Beyond, the last in the series of four monthly meetings, on Monday, Aug. 17, at 8.15 p.m. at 26 Riviera Dr., Thornhill (Dufferin north of Steeles). The discussion will focus on starting solids, discipline, weaning and other issues.

Meetings are open to pregnant and nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

For further information, call **Adrianne** at 738-8268 or **Ruth** at 736-1758.

Wednesday, Aug. 19

ANOREXIA/BULIMIA GROUP

The Anorexia/Bulimia Family Support Group Society of Metropolitan Toronto and area is holding its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 7.30 p.m. at Toronto City Hall, Committee Room 6.

All those who are interested are invited to attend this information-sharing meeting.

And What Else Is New...

KADIMA CENTRE UPDATE

Come and join the Kadima Centre for fun, frolic and friends at the opening dance welcoming everyone back from holidays on Sunday, Sept. 13, from 2-4 p.m.

This centre is open to developmentally handicapped persons 18 years of age and over. It meets Sundays from 2-4 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4.30-6.30 p.m. for the Supper Club at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., Downsview.

For Information, contact **Suzanne Agasee** at 636- 4426.

ADOPTION INFORMATION

Amendments to adoption legislation have changed the conditions and procedures for obtaining adoption information in Ontario.

Non-identifying information will be released on request to adult adopted persons (those 18 or older) and information about the adoptive family's background will be given to adult birth relatives upon request.

Information that reveals the identity of an adult adoptee or a birth relative will be shared only if both parties have voluntarily entered their names with the Adoption Disclosure Register and consented to disclosure. The consent of adoptive parents is no longer required.

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MIZRACHI LAUNCHES 4TH CHAPTER

Lou Zeifman, chairman of the Toronto Mizrachi Council, has announced the formation of a new chapter. Named Bonei Yerushalayim, in honor of the 20th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, it is open to members ages 20-34. Registration is now in progress.

Toronto Council has asked **David Lipener** to serve as chairman of this new chapter. A graduate of Yeshivat Or Chaim, he has been a member of Bnei Akiva, Rosh Hanhaga, a board member of Camp Moshava, a student at Yeshivat Hakotel and now is a parent of a child at Netivot HaTorah. His wife, **Ruthi**, is an Ulpanat Orot graduate.

The other three Toronto Mizrachi chapters are Yavne Chapter for seniors headed by Mizrachi veteran **Cudyk Weinberg**; Yeshurun Chapter, ages 47-60, jointly headed by **Cyril Newman** and **Henry Moss**, and Chevray Tzion Chapter, ages 35-46, whose chairman is **Josh Rosen**.

Programming for all joint chapter events, including various lectures, Maleveh Malkas and a proposed Israel Study Fair, are led by programming chairman **Shlomo Romberg**. Torah education chairman **Rabbi David Aronson** has planned a 7-week series on Machshevet Ha Rav — the Genius of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveichik.

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For further information, phone **Gail Solish** at JF & CS at 638-7800.

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Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood invites you to the opening general meeting featuring dynamic speaker **Selma Z. Sage** on Monday, Sept. 14, at 8 p.m. in the Fischstein Hall of the synagogue, 100 Elder St.

All sisterhood members and friends are most welcome. Refreshments will be served, hosted by **Suzanne Agasee**.

For further information, call **Mildred Persofsky** at 633-2436.

BAZAAR & BOUTIQUE VENDORS

Emunah Women of Toronto is looking for vendors for the annual bazaar and boutique sale taking place Sunday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bayview Arena, 3230 Bayview Ave. (just north of Finch).

For information, contact **Ruth** at 635-9847, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or **Roz** at 889-4073.

HEBREW LANGUAGE COURSES

The Keren Hatarbut Institute, 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for an intensive course in Hebrew language for beginners for adults and teenagers commencing Aug. 25. Also, Keren Hatarbut offers once-a-week courses for beginners, intermediate and advanced students starting in September.

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Anyone interested in becoming a Baycrest volunteer should contact Volunteer Services at 789-5131, ext. 2572.

FALL ENRICHMENT COURSES

The North York YMCA will begin taking registration for its Fall Enrichment Courses on Aug. 17.

Again a wide variety of exciting programs is being offered from Tiny Tumblers for preschoolers to yoga for adults. There is something for everyone, such as pottery, music, dance, parent and tot classes, and much more!

For more information, call and ask for the fall brochure which outlines all the courses available. Registration can be in person, by mail or by phone. The North York YMCA is located at 567 Sheppard Ave. E., North York, Ont., M2K 1B2. The phone number is 225-7773.

CINCINNATI CHOO CHOO

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JUST-A-SECOND SHOP

The Just-A-Second Shop, 3420 Bathurst St., provides new and nearly new items to those in need in the community. It is now accepting clean winter items (preferably on hangers) during store hours — Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 789-9680. The shop is a project of Jewish Family & Child Service.

HOLOCAUST TESTIMONY

Four residents of Baycrest's Jewish Home for the Aged recently participated in an ongoing project to videotape interviews with Holocaust survivors.

A project of the Toronto Jewish Congress, 30 survivors have been interviewed to date. Their testimony will form an important permanent record of the Holocaust and give participants a chance to recount their experiences.

The videotapes will be kept in the TJC Holocaust Library.

CNE ARTS & CRAFTS

During the Canadian National Exhibition, the Save the Children Fund will be featuring for sale, in the arts/crafts/hobbies building, quality handmade children's sweaters and toys. Proceeds from these sales go to help children in the developing countries.

This is the 15th year the Save the Children volunteers have been at the Ex and they invite you to visit their booth.

ISRAEL TOUR

Rabbi Moshe Stern and **Cantor Chaim Weiner** of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation will be leading a specialized Orthodox traditional tour to Israel immediately after the holiday season from Oct. 19-Nov. 2. They are also arranging a tour to Israel following Passover.

For information, call Rabbi Stern at 787-1631 and 783-0303.

at the jcc

The North Y Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., presents a Splash Bash on Sunday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. featuring swimming, buffet barbecue, disc jockeys, world's greatest punch, special party events and more. Tickets may be obtained in advance from the North Y, Bloor Y and North-East Valley branches. Cost is $7 JCC members, $10 non-members and $10 at the door. For further information, call 636-1880, ext. 235.

Are you shy and looking to make friends? A new young adult social group is available to meet on evenings and weekends. This is an opportunity to make new friends, explore new avenues, strengthen social skills and more. For more information, call **Nurit Cohn** at 636-1880, ext. 238.

A reminder that the JCC Valley Singles Centre single social hotline provides 24-hour taped information on happenings in the Jewish community.

for seniors

Beth Sholom Seniors will be meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. The program includes entertainment and refreshments. For information, call **Eve Donsky**, vice-president and publicity chairman, at 782-1068.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is in the process of finalizing its Israeli trip, Nov. 4-25, and will be informing applicants about a meeting regarding plans for the trip...The next day trip is to Stratford on Thursday, Sept. 17, to see Much Ado About Nothing...The date for the official opening for the new season is Monday, Aug. 31. Further details regarding opening programs for the fall season will appear in this column. For information, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch and bingo and signing up for the Miami trip. Be sure to come to the meeting if you want to join the trip. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

Discover the beauty of Metropolitan Toronto parks with the **North York Senior Walkers**. Join the group every Sunday morning at 9 for an enjoyable walk in a different park. For information, call 241-2932 or 635-5837.

JCC North-East Valley Club Chaverim, 7015 Leslie St., has meetings every Monday afternoon (excluding holidays) from 1-3. Come out and join this congenial group for bingo, games, movies, speakers and entertainment. For more information, call **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley office at 889-0813.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program, a free, non-sectarian, supportive service for women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets every second Sunday from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator of this group is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 16. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Widows 70 and Over Program at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., meets every second Monday, from 1.30-3 p.m. in the conference room. The next meeting is Aug. 17. The coordinator is **Micky Zimmerman**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 16, the **Wagman Centre** celebrates its 10 years of service to older adults in the community. A garden party taking place from 2-5 p.m. on the grounds of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave., will feature dancing to the music of the **Sasha Star** orchestra and entertainment by **Ahuva** along with cake-cutting, balloons and other activities. The festivities are open to members and their spouses and to invited guests...**George Almassy**, member and instructor of whittling and wood-carving at the Wagman Centre, won 3rd prize in the Famous People category at the International Woodcarving Festival held in Windsor, Ont., recently. His sculpture of **Golda Meir**, carved in rare Madagascar mahogany, competed with more than 40 entries from across Canada and the U.S...Programs and concerts in the Assembly Room include a 10th anniversary party on Sunday, Aug. 16, from 2-3 p.m. and a musical evening with singer **Eileen Brass** on Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 7.30-8.30 p.m.

Weekly activities at **Earl Bales Seniors' Club**, 4169 Bathurst St., include bridge, mah jong, rummycube, fitness and dancercize classes, and woodworking and art classes. Evening events include bingo, ballroom dancing and Saturday night dances at the club house. Call 636-7856 for further information.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A barbecue lunch and concert is arranged for Wednesday, Aug. 19. The barbecue is at noon on the patio followed by entertainment by **Faye Kellerstein** in the auditorium. The cost for lunch and concert is $3.50. For the concert only it is $1. This is for members only.

On Thursday, Aug. 13, the health lecture series invites you to come out and play The Game That's Good For You — SPINACH (Significant Points in Normal Age Changes and Health). This game is designed to help you learn about what changes you can expect in yourself as you grow older and ways of handling these changes. All health lectures are open to the community. There is no charge for members. Non-members pay $1.

Dance to the lively music of the Creative Band on Sunday, Aug. 16, from 7.30-10.30 p.m.

Tap dancing with instructor **Muriel English** will run for 10 sessions on Mondays 11 a.m. to noon from Aug. 31-Nov. 16. For information, call **Norma Steiner** at 225-2112.

Courses given in cooperation with the North York Board of Continuing Education include The Artist and His Times with **Tom Pileggi** (until Sept. 15) on Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon, and History of Music with **Shoshana Weinstangel** on Mondays 1-2.30 p.m. starting Aug. 10 for four classes. There is no fee for members and seniors. Non-members under 65 pay $2 per session.

About People

RABBI PEARLSON HONORED

Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, honored **Rabbi Jordan Pearlson** and fellow members of the President's Alumni Circle during the recent Rabbinic Alumni Luncheon of the College-Institute.

The President's Alumni Circle is composed of rabbis who have shown extraordinary support of the College-Institute's Year-in-Israel Program.

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CLOSING SINGLES' MEETING

Beth Tikvah Chai Singles Group's executive held the last official meeting of its successful 1986-87 season at the home of the vice-president Barbara Albert (seated left), who hosted a farewell reception for her colleagues. Seated with her are Isaac Osipovicz, president and program chairman, and Estelle Keshen, treasurer. Standing (from left) are Natalie Litwin, newsletter editor; Rose Levi, secretary; James Wigoda, socials chairman, and Penny Hart, membership and reception chairman. The newly elected executive will take over Sept. 1. [Graphic Artists photo]

NEW UAHC TRUSTEE

Norman Yanofsky (centre), a resident of Calgary and a founder of Temple B'Nai Tikvah, was elected to a 4-year term as a trustee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at the organization's semi-annual board meeting in New York. Flanking him are Charles Rothschild Jr. (left), chairman of the board, and Rabbi Alexander Schindler, UAHC president.

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Organizations and People

About People

[Cont'd. from page 17]

This special program, begun 17 years ago, requires all rabbinic students to spend the first year of seminary training studying Hebrew at the Jerusalem school.

The continuation of this program requires tremendous support. The members of the President's Alumni Circle have committed themselves to be the leaders in the continuing effort to strengthen this aspect of rabbinic training.

JNF ATLANTIC REGION RECEPTION

Sylvia and Erwin Epstein of Sydney, NS, hosted a special reception in their home recently, sponsored by the Jewish National Fund of Canada. More than 30 people from the Sydney/Glace Bay region of Nova Scotia were in attendance.

The Epsteins were among four couples from the Atlantic Region who participated in the recent JNF national orientation mission to Israel. Also attending the reception were other mission participants **Dr. Garson** and **Edith Lecker, Elliott** and **Helen Marshall** and **Dr. Phillip** and **Ruth Simon**.

The guest speaker was **Samuel Levy**, JNF's Jerusalem special representative to Eastern Canada.

A 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Marshall and **Esther Jubas** are celebrating their 60th anniversary at a luncheon being held this Sunday, Aug. 16, together with 150 family members and friends including their daughters and their husbands, **Carol** and **Samuel Freedman** and **Barbara and Ralph Goldman**, their son and his wife, **Stanley** and **Rosi Jubas**, their nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Retired for many years from his retail furniture and appliance business, Mr. Jubas now spends his time collecting money for the UJA. He and his wife are members of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue where the anniversary luncheon is being held.

Dr. Eliot Phillipson

Susan Smith

MOUNT SINAI APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Eliot Phillipson has been named physician-in-chief at Mount Sinai Hospital. Formerly head of the respiratory division at Toronto General Hospital, Dr. Phillipson has, for the past four years, also served as director of the respiratory division at the University of Toronto. Recognized as an outstanding clinician-scientist and teacher, he has received numerous awards and honors.

Susan Smith has been appointed as vice-president-nursing. She joins the Mount Sinai staff Sept. 14 after a 5-year post as vice-president, patient services at Scarborough's Centenary Hospital. Prior to that she held the position of director, nursing practice, at Toronto General and has served as clinical associate and an assistant professor at the University of Toronto.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. For information on rates and deadlines please call Karen at 422-2528.

Singles Rendezvous (25-45). Sunday afternoon outings: August 16 — Ontario Place, including concert (Herman's Hermits, Byrds, Turtles). August 23 - Sibbald Point Beach, Lake Simcoe. George 782-5627.

Party for college and university-educated men and women, Saturday, August 22nd. The Adelaide Club. Theme: "Meeter's Digest." By membership. High Society 783-8520.

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New novelties of interest

By ROSE KLEINER

NEW YORK —

Having trouble helping your children with their Hebrew homework? Many parents are either too busy, or unable to help.

A Hebrew Homework Hotline has been established here, and the ideas is sure to spread to other communities.

Sponsored by the Lincoln Square Synagogue in Manhattan, the hotline is staffed by a group of experts for whom no question is too tough to answer. Bible Jewish Philosophy, Halacha, History and Talmud are some of the subjects one can ask about.

The hotline, which started last May, is manned evenings between 7 and 10 p.m. It promises to be a great success.

A novel approach to the problem of students living far away from home, and from Jewish life, has been devised by a woman whose son had gone away to college.

A kosher mail-order business (called Chag Sameach - Happy Holiday) now provides packages for all major Jewish holidays. The packages are sent across North America and throughout the world.

Each package has cake and candy to feed several people. It also includes information about the holidays, prayers, songs and religious ornaments. It's an encouragement for the recipient to celebrate the holiday.

Most of the packages are sent by parents. However grandparents living alone or in nursing homes and patients in hospitals would also welcome these packages.

Owner Linda Gordon has even had an order from a group of Jewish inmates in a penitentiary. She has orders from as far as Ecuador and Japan.

Although a Reform Jew, Gordon prepares the packages under the supervision of the Baltimore Va'ad HaKashrut. Orders for the packages come from both secular and religious persons.

To order a package you can write to Linda Gordon at 7629 Fontaine St., Potomac, Md.

Singles between 25 and 45 years will be interested in a new worldwide organization started by Motti Friedman. Tandu World Jewish Singles Club aims to make singles more responsive to things Jewish and to satisfy their social needs. Concerned about zero population growth and mixed marriages, Friedman wants to make it easier for singles to meet suitable partners by organizing special tours to different countries.

His first tour last month — others are scheduled for this month and September — was to Poland and Hungary. Friedman plans to issue an newsletter and to have a Passover celebration in Israel next year.

Tandu conceives of itself as a worldwide non-profit matchmaking service, giving singles a sense of belonging and a chance to make social contacts.

Inquiries about the tours should be addressed to Travel Magic, 576 Fifth Ave., Suite 1102, New York, N.Y. 10036. Or you can call 212-764-3520.

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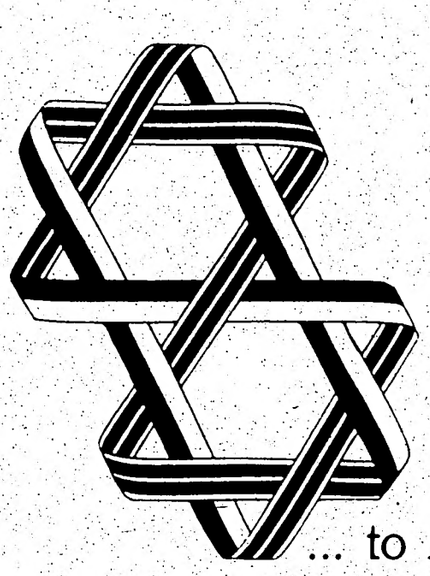

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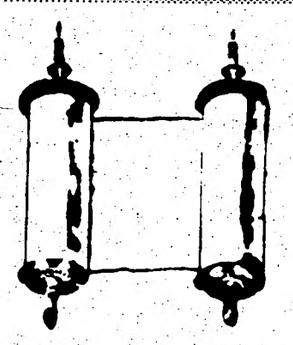
Organizations and People



sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Aikev

The greater a person, the smaller he holds himself.

A wandering maggid (itinerant preacher) came to the synagogue of Reb Meir of Tiktin and delivered a stinging sermon to the congregation, demanding they repent their sins.

When he finished, Reb Meir ran over: "Why did you embarrass me publicly?"

"You, rabbi!" answered the Maggid, "God forbid that I should mean you!"

"Then who else?" demanded Reb Meir. "Surely these people here are all righteous, all tzaddikim!"

The Baal Shem Tov also, strove for the truth.

When he was asked why he sought out the simple Jews over the great scholars of his day, he responded: "I strive for simplicity. And they already have it."

* * *

How do you reach that simplicity? To know that you don't know. To know that you are nothing, and God is everything.

By finding the holy spark in everything we do.

Consider . . . Moses reviewed the Jews' 40 years wandering in the desert. . . "and He humbled you and made you hunger and fed you with manna. . . ." (Devarim 8:3)

Strange . . . if God fed the Israelites manna, how did He make them hunger? They were full!

But there is eating, and there is eating.

The real eating a Jew should do is not the taste of meat or potatoes or fish or watermelon. The Kabbalist teach that the real eating is the spark of G-dliness that is hidden in the food. That is what our soul survives from.

But — we eat the way we eat. We eat for pleasure and satisfaction and to feel full. We eat and are no longer hungry.

Not the manna that fell in the desert. That was G-d's bread. That was all holiness. It tasted any way you wanted it to taste — but it was holiness throughout.

The manna that fell in the desert was a great tattle-tale. It showed who was truly pious or not. If you were truly righteous, it fell right outside your tent, like the morning newspaper. If you were average, it fell a little bit away. But if you were a sinner, it fell far, far away — you had to go searching for it.

Everyone knew — who was who.

Such heavenly bread left a person hungry even after he or she had eaten. The spark of holiness left a person hungry for more holiness.

The difference between physical and spiritual. Physical lust and desires — we fulfill them, we're sated, bored, don't want to look at another drop.

Spiritual desires — the more we eat mitzvahs and study Torah, the more we want to learn. The great Rogochover Gaon had long hair because he would not forgive himself the time at the barber to go away from learning.

A Jew never grows old, never gets tired. There is an ocean of good deeds to do, a Heavenful of books to study and understand.

Modeh anee lifanecha! We get up thanking G-d we are Jews, that we have Torah to study, that we have a mission to fulfil in the world — a light to the nations!

Shabbat Salom!

Largest Jewish riding

Paton to run in Wilson Heights

The CJN's Election Watch looks at the provincial riding of Wilson Heights.

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By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Considering that the provincial riding of Wilson Heights has the largest number of Jews in Ontario, it isn't surprising the riding has had a Jewish MPP for over the past 20 years.

In Wilson Heights, Jews account for 41.6% of the riding's population of 72,000. The 30,000 Jews living there include 5,540 whose mother tongue is Yiddish and 1,775 whose mother tongue is Hebrew.

In the last election Liberal challenger Monte Kwinter defeated Conservative incumbent David Rotenberg by a 2,188 margin to return the riding to the Liberal fold. Prior to Rotenberg, the riding was held by Vern Singer.

This time around, Kwinter's back and Jennifer Paton will try to take the riding for the NDP. (As The CJN went to press the Conservative Party had yet to field a candidate.)

Paton, a graduate of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, is head teacher at Congregation Darchei Noam Hebrew School where she teaches Hebrew and Judaic studies. As well, she is a teaching assistant at the University of Toronto and teaches Hebrew and Judaic studies and bar mitzvah privately.

Jennifer Paton

She was a finalist in the Canadian Zionist Federation public speaking contest, a program coordinator in the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force STEP (Seniors Taking Extra Precaution) program and a volunteer at Jessie's Centre for Unwed Mothers and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

She said she was attracted to the NDP because it has relevant solutions to issues such as child care and auto insurance for "people like me — women who want a career and a family."

On the latter issue, Paton said motorists are now paying too much and in some cases the cost of insuring motor vehicles is costing people their jobs and their cars. She supports a public auto insurance system saying that it would result in motorists saving 20% to 70% on their premiums.

Paton added that she would like to see Jewish day schools receive public money for the secular portion of the curriculum and university become more affordable.

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In other election news, Gladys Rothman, a multilingual social worker, was recently acclaimed as the NDP candidate for the riding of St. Andrew-St. Patrick.

The riding is currently held by Conservative leader Larry Grossman and is being contested by Ron Kanter for the Liberals.

As The CJN went to press Rothman was unavailable for an interview. However The CJN's Election Watch will attempt to talk to the riding's third Jewish candidate in the near future.

CJF seeks participants for disabled conference

NEW YORK —

The Council of Jewish Federations is seeking lay and professional participants to attend the first U.S. National Conference on Services to Jewish Individuals with Disabilities to be held Sept. 15 and 16.

The 2-day meeting is sponsored by CJF, Jewish Education Services of North America, the Jewish Welfare Board, the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, and the National Association of Jewish Vocational Services.

Designed to assist local planning and development of services, the event is being held at the Vista International Hotel here, the CJF says in a press release.

The program includes: an overview of services to the disabled; government legislation and funding; a program fair; small group workshops and opportunity for private consultations with community representatives.

Deadline for registration is Aug. 17. For more information, write: Registrar, Conference on Disabled, Council of Jewish Federations, 730 Broadway, New York, NY 10003. Phone: (212) 475-5000.

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Incumbents return to campaign trail

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

While many of the Jewish candidates running in the Sept. 10 provincial election will be unknown to most voters, there will be four whose faces should be familiar to most. As incumbents they have sat on the Government and Opposition benches over the past two years.

Perhaps the most familiar to voters is veteran Conservative MPP and now party leader Larry Grossman.

First elected to the legislature in 1975 in St. Andrew-St. Patrick, Grossman served in a number of portfolios in former Ontario Premier William Davis' administration, including consumer and commercial relations, industry and tourism, health, economics and the provincial treasury. He also was education minister in former Premier Frank Miller's short-lived administration. After the Tories were sent to the Opposition benches following the 1985 election, Grossman served as House Leader before becoming party leader.

Grossman's initial attempt at becoming the first Jewish Conservative Party leader came in January 1985. In that contest he lost out to Miller by 77 votes on the third and final ballot. However, when Miller stepped down later that same year and a second leadership convention was held, Grossman emerged victorious, defeating Dennis Timbrell by 19 votes.

Since winning the leadership, Grossman has worked hard to rebuild the party and close rifts caused by the leadership campaigns.

Grossman and his wife Carole have three children: Melissa, Jamie and Robbie. His father Allan was Ontario's first Jewish Conservative cabinet minister.

Soon after the 1985 election a number of Jewish Liberal MPPs found themselves not only as members of the new minority government, but as cabinet ministers. After taking power, Premier David Peterson named Wilson Heights MPP Monte Kwinter and Oriole MPP Elinor Caplan to cabinet.

While Kwinter, minister of consumer and commercial relations and minister of financial institutions, said that although it took him some time to get used to the legislature, he is now "very comfortable" with the daily goings-on at Queen's Park.

As well as overseeing 78 unrelated acts dealing with consumer protection, Kwinter also sits on four cabinet committees — legislation, regulations, emergency planning and justice.

Prior to entering the legislature, Kwinter was chairman of Toronto Harbour Commission, chairman of the Toronto Humane Society, a member of the Conservation Authority and vice-president of the Ontario College of Art.

In the Jewish community Kwinter served as founding president of Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith and was on the joint community relations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress-B'nai B'rith.

Kwinter and his wife Wilma have four children: Richard, Robert, Lisa and Kathryn.

While Kwinter has served in the cabinet since the Liberals took power, Elinor Caplan has not been as fortunate. First named to cabinet as chairman of the management board, minister of government services and chairman of the cabinet, Caplan was forced to resign from cabinet in June 1986 following charges that her husband Wilf appeared to have indirectly profited from a government contract.

Caplan, believed to be the first Jewish woman MPP in Canada, worked as a volunteer with Hadassah-WIZO in the Hamilton area in the 60s and served as the youngest chairman of the Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO bazaar.

Over the years Caplan has also been involved with the National Council of Jewish Women, has been president of Gila Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO and is a member of Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

After running her own business in Toronto for a number of years, Caplan began her political career, serving as a North York alderman from 1978 to 1985.

Caplan and her husband have four children.

Although not a cabinet minister, Mississauga North MPP Steve Offer has maintained a hectic pace in government as parliamentary assistant to Monte Kwinter.

In the last election he ran in Ontario's second most populous riding, defeating the Conservative incumbent by a 1,400 vote margin. Prior to the election the riding had been Tory Blue since 1937.

During the next few weeks, The CJN's Election Watch will talk to party leaders, MPPs and candidates in key Jewish ridings, focusing on issues of concern to the Jewish community.

Larry Grossman

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Organizations and People

Liberals back Plaut report

Turner says Ottawa lacks policy on refugees

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Concern about the consequences of the landing of 174 East Indians on the East Coast was expressed by John Turner, leader of the Liberal Party, at a meeting recently at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue attended by a standing room only crowd of about 400.

"We resent the fact that the incident jeopardizes our immigration policy and throws our refugee process into question," he said.

Although the Conservative government of Brian Mulroney was warned well in advance by the BBC that the boat carrying the East Indians was on its way to Canada, Turner said the government did nothing "and again this country was taken by surprise."

The Liberal leader went on to criticize the government's lack of policy on refugees, stating that the Liberal Party basically supported recommendations of the Plaut Report. He said it opposed legislation which deviated from those recommendations.

Referring again to the East Coast landing and the subsequent trials and jailing of three persons, Turner said: "We will not tolerate an infringement on Canadian immigration and refugee policy through the manipulation of people seeking financial gain. We are shocked that the Conservative government has not put a proper policy in effect."

The Liberal leader made a strong attack on the government's failure to take action against war criminals living in Canada. "Our caucus was unanimous in suppoprting the bill that was introduced in the last five minutes of the Commons session, but two Progressive Conservative backbenchers blocked its passage," he said.

"We don't want to see a witch-hunt or a type of McCarthyism, but what we do want is to see war criminals brought to justice."

He praised Robert Kaplan, Liberal member for York Centre, who was on the platform with him. "Bob Kaplan is spearheading our activites and no one has had more to do with the generation and implementation of the Deschenes Report," Turner said.

Israel support voiced

He pledged to continue the Liberal Party's support for Israel. "We have always supported an Israel behind secure and defensible boundaries and as long as I am leader that will continue to be the policy of the Liberal Party."

Turner saved his strongest language for a denunciation of the Mulroney government's taxation policies and the recent white paper of Finance Minister Michael Wilson on tax reform. He claimed that those policies are widening the gap between the rich and poor in Canada and will lead to the creation of two Canadas.

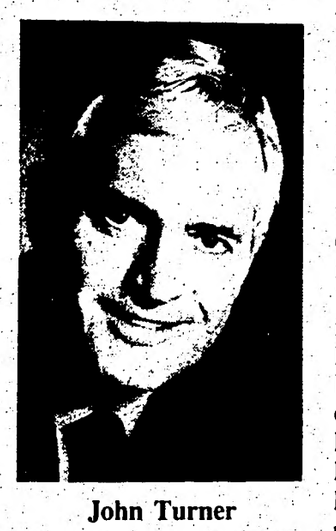
The last three Wilson budgets have resulted in a tax increase of $1,000 a year for three years for an average income family of four, and the new proposals would give back $200 to that family. "That's not tax reform — that's a tax fraud, that's a tax grab."

He said Wilson budgets have increased taxes on the $15,000 income family by 52%, on the $30,000 level by 17%, on the $50,000 level by 9%, on the $110,000 by 4% and on the $200,000 by 2%. He said the Conservative government has brought no tax relief at all to the middle class families who earn between $20,000 to $50,000 a year. Instead, he said, it has been plagued with the biggest tax increase in the history of Canada.

Turner said his party takes such a serious view of the proposal to put an 8% "hidden tax" on every transaction in Canada that it is starting to mobilize a public campaign against the idea. "When Parliament reconvenes we will present a petition signed by millions of Canadians against such a tax."

He said this tax on consumption of food, for example, would add $453 a year to the annual $5,668 budget for food of the average family. "It is the most regressive tax you can imagine. It is a tax on everything that moves."

Replying to a question from the floor, Turner said he has called for a cessation of the negotiations between Canada and the U.S. on free trade because they are going so badly, and will interfere with Canada's autonomy. He predicted no free trade agreement will be reached.



John Turner

Others at the head table, in addition to Kaplan, were Mrs. Turner, Sigmund Reiser, chairman, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, James Harris, president of the synagogue, Ralph Snow, president of B'nai B'rith and Rabbi Barry Schneider, associate rabbi.

Others whose presence was acknowledged by the chairman were Sergio Marchi, Liberal MP for York West, Jesse Flis, former Liberal MP for Parkdale-High Park, Frank Dimant, executive director of B'nai B'rith, Bernard Kamin, president of JCC, Elinor Kaplan MPP, and Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister of consumer and commercial relations.

Rabbi Kelman presented Turner with a plaque testifying that 500 square metres of land in Israel will be redeveloped in his name.

TAU scientists awarded grants

NEW YORK —
Seven scientists at Tel Aviv University have been awarded grants by the Israel Cancer Research Fund for studies ranging from the role of mast cells in tumor growth and metastasis to the molecular basis of xeroderma pigmentosum syndrome.

Announcement of the awards was made by Dr. Yashar Mirshaut, president of ICRF and attending physician at New York's Lenox Hill Hospital, with a specialty in oncology.

In addition to the Fellowship and Project Grants, one recipient, Dr. Sara Lavi, has been awarded a $25,000 ICRF Career Development Grant, renewable each year for five years.

"The awards to the Tel Aviv University researchers will enable the recipients to continue their work, which has shown significant promise in cancer research," Mirshaut said. "We are hopeful that their work in the coming year will lead to new advances in mankind's search to find the causes and potential cures for cancer, a disease which knows no national boundaries."

The recipients are: Lavi; Dr. Ilan Bank, M.D., who is affiliated with Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons; Dr. Dan Canaani; Dr. Yoseph Mekori, M.D. (second year); Dr. Gil Navon and Dr. Ilana Yron.

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Organizations and People

Na'amat chooses theme for national convention

TORONTO —

Challenge and Change will be the theme of Na'amat Pioneer Women's 8th Triennial National Convention from Sept. 13 to Sept. 15 at the Royal York Hotel here.

Convention organizers say in a press release that they expect more than 600 delegates to attend.

Speakers already confirmed include: reporter Ann Medina; Alan Rose, executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress; MPP Elinor Caplan; Prof. Howard Adelman; Elaine Todres, assistant deputy minister of the Ontario Women's Directorate; Ena Dessen, national director of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East; Rabbi Dow Marmur; lawyer Esther Lenkinsky; Prof. Fred Krantz; and Martha Friendly, of the Childcare Resource and Research Unit at the University of Toronto.

Among the topics to be covered are: women in politics, family law, day care, Canadian immigration policy, women in the workforce, hate literature, war criminals and the Charter of Rights.

Following the Sunday evening opening, Metro Chairman Dennis Flynn will host an informal reception.

Other highlights include an Israel fashion show with designs created by students at Na'amat's Timon Vocational High Schools. Jeanne Beker, fashion reporter for Toronto's CITY TV, will be commentator.

Also planned are a Sunday morning walking tour of downtown Toronto, and a Monday afternoon bus tour ending with a buffet supper at the home of Toronto president Louise Cornblum.

For more information in Montreal, call (514) 735-6253.

For more information in Toronto, call (416) 636-6425.

Irma Ziskin, chairman of Na'amat Pioneer Women's national convention, describes a workshop to Toronto convention chairman Marilyn Myers (left) and Ruth Leroy national convention co-chairman.

Philosopher wins German prize

NEW YORK (JTA) —

An elderly German-born Jewish philosopher who has taught at the Hebrew University and in Canada and the United States has been awarded the 1987 German Booksellers Association Prize.

Hans Jonas, 84, a resident of New Rochelle, is slated to receive the award in October in Frankfurt. A jury of 11 women and one man selected Jonas for the prize.

The book for which he was awarded his prize, Das Prinzip Verantwortung (The Principle of Answering), is described as a singular volume, after the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, "that addresses itself effectively to the search for an ethical system in our technological civilization."

Jonas, who has lived in the U.S. since 1955, was born in Monchengladbach.

He left Germany in 1933 with the advent of the Nazis, going to Palestine via Britain. He served with the Royal British Artillery from 1940-45, and fought in Israel's War of Independence from 1948-49. His mother died in Auschwitz.

Ontario to lure foreign students

TORONTO —

An initiative to attract 1,000 highly qualified international students to do their graduate studies at Ontario universities will take effect this fall, Ontario Colleges and Universities Minister Gregory Sorbara recently announced.

The $5 million program will assist selected international graduate students by reducing their fees to the level paid by Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

Sorbara said the selection of the 1,000 students will be made by the universities based on academic merit.

The $5 million will be added to the operating grant of the universities and Sorbara noted, "will be renewed in subsequent years." The funds will be distributed proportionately across the university system on the basis of full-time graduate enrolment at each of the institutions.

Special day set to pick up waste

TORONTO —

Residents of the City of Toronto are urged not to discard paints, pharmaceuticals, bug killers, solvents, cosmetics, car batteries and cleaning products they no longer need, until Oct. 17.

On that day, the city's press release says, a special depot for the safe collection of hazardous waste will be set up.

The depot will be located in the department of public works' yard at Eastern and Booth Avenues from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Toxic products dumped into trash, poured down the drain or buried, contaminate the water and soil causing long-term environmental problems, the city advises.

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Organizations and People

Jays' Barfield gloves humanitarian award

TORONTO —

Toronto Blue Jay rightfielder Jesse Barfield had no trouble catching an accolade from B'nai B'rith Canada.

The service organization presented Barfield with its annual People Helping People Award at BB Day at Exhibition Stadium.

The humanitarian award recognizes a sports celebrity who has contributed to the community by his/her involvement in that year. Past recipients, who include Barfield's teammates Ernie Whitt, Dave Stieb and Garth Iorg, are excluded.

Frank Wilson, BB national vice-president, said that Barfield was chosen — with input from Blue Jay management — because of his work with the Hospital for Sick Children, the Hemophilia Association — he's honorary chairman — and United Way.

Barfield said he was honored to receive a plaque from such a worthy organization.

On July 20, some BB lodges presented Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton with 100 tickets to the July 26 game for him to distribute to inner city children.

Wilson, who threw the first pitch, said that BB Day was perfect — the weather was beautiful and the home team won.

B'nai B'rith Canada president Ralph Snow presents BB's People Helping People Award to Toronto Blue Jays rightfielder Jesse Barfield. Pictured with them are (left to right) Jerome Zwicker, BB's Blue Jay Day coordinator, Marv Cohen, BB baseball commissioner, and Frank Wilson, BB national vice-president. [Graphic Artists photo]

CJC organizers plan triennial area plenary

TORONTO —

Organizers are busy making plans for the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region triennial regional plenary, to be held Nov. 28, 29.

Some interesting sessions are shaping up for the event, says steering committee chairman Gella Rothstein.

The regional plenaries are held every three years to alternate with national CJC plenaries, Rothstein says, and serve to air the views and concerns of Ontario's 150,000 Jews.

The plenary will kick off Saturday night, Nov. 28, at the North York Memorial Community Hall, with a panel discussion entitled One People: Diversity Within Unity? The panel will feature three rabbis, Rabbi Reuven Bulka from Ottawa, to represent the Orthodox point of view, Rabbi Dow Marmur of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, to give the Reform viewpoint and Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly in New York, to present the Conservative side.

The program, Rothstein says, is designed "to publicly discuss areas of disagreement" between Judaism's three main branches and how Jews can overcome their differences.

Another session will examine intermarriage and assimilation in Ontario. Ontario Region has a subcommittee on assimilation and intermarriage, to which rabbis from outlying areas have been submitting briefs on how best to counter the trends. Eventually, the results of the study will be presented in a report to be written by Stuart Shoenfeld, a sociologist at York University, who will lead the workshop.

Intermarriage in Ontario is estimated at 16%, compared to 50% in the Maritimes, 47% in British Columbia and about 8% in Quebec.

"The purpose of the plenary is twofold," explained Rothstein, who is also chairman of United Israel Appeal's Women's Division. "It reviews the past three years in the region and allows people from all over the province to come together and address specific concerns. A lot of new friendships are forged too."

The sessions on Sunday the 29th will be held at the Lipa Green Building in North York. Topics such as Soviet Jewish immigration, multicultural policy in Canada and problems in Jewish journalism today will be addressed, Rothstein says.

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Former Yippie now Chabadnik

David Olensky sticks to healing

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
David Olensky is in the needle trade. He sticks them in people.

Neither an insidious sadist nor inept garment worker, Olensky is a healer, a registered nurse and doctor of acupuncture.

In a field dominated by Chinese practitioners, he is quite possibly the only Jewish acupuncturist in Canada — almost definitely the only one with tsitsit hanging in his pockets.

He is also a former Yippie leader, now part of the Chabad Lubavitch community here.

Olensky's story begins in Philadelphia where he was born and grew up in a non-religious home.

When he graduated from high school in 1969, he became a Yippie (a politicized hippie).

"I felt I did not want to limit myself to a college education at that point. But, I wanted to go into a profession where I could help people."

That desire to help others and an interest in Jewish mysticism were the roots from which Olensky has fashioned his life today.

And 1972 was a significant turning point for both.

In that year, the first in-depth information about China in years followed then-President Richard Nixon back to the U.S. News about acupuncture generated a lot of excitement.

About the same time, Olensky went to Israel and began to experience a revival of religious feeling.

He returned intent on yeshiva study. Unable to contact the school, he decided he should pursue a career.

After some soul searching, he entered the Community College of Philadelphia School of Nursing and graduated in 1975.

While Olensky was in training, an acupuncture clinic opened, and he became an assistant.

He then began working as a nurse, reading chassidic stories, but doing little else to further his religious education or work in acupuncture.

On his way to Hawaii in 1976, he stopped in San Francisco and wound up in the Berkeley Chabad House Summer Yeshiva.

Gradually, Olensky became more religious. "I realized that my whole life's search was right here."

He stayed for six months before heading for Crown Heights and the Hadar HaTorah Rabbinical Seminary.

While in Crown Heights, Olensky met Rachel from Toronto. They wed in 1980 and lived in New York for two years before Rachel urged a move back to her home city.

But when Olensky tried to find work as a nurse here, he says he was refused by every hospital.

Though qualified in several areas, the hospitals refused to hire him because he would not work Saturday shifts.

He took his case to the Ontario Human Rights Commission and sued, receiving monetary compensation and a promise of change in hiring practices.

Olensky became interested in acupuncture again and began study at The Chinese Traditional Medicine Institute here, completing the advanced level in acupuncture and herbology in 1984.

Olensky practices the traditional form of acupuncture — an ancient Chinese treatment that controls energy flows by stimulating specific points to achieve bodily health.

While traditional acupuncture places the various symptoms into a whole picture of the individual; the Western form treats the disease.

To date, Olensky says he has treated a variety of respiratory, circulatory, gastro-intestinal, musculo-skeletal, dermatological, obstetric, emotional, psychiatric and other disorders.

Some problems, including advanced diseases cannot be helped by acupuncture, Olensky says, although it can bring relief from pain.

As far as the effectiveness of acupuncture is concerned, Olensky says that for certain problems such as high blood pressure, the success rate is 80%.

However Western research into acupuncture focuses on its pain control qualities, Olensky says.

Though the needles used in acupuncture cause some alarm, Olensky says many patients are not even aware of insertion.

The spread of infection from the needles, he adds, is prevented by sterilization.

Asked if performing acupuncture contradicts his religious principles, Olensky answers no.

Aspects of one unity

"The foundation of acupuncture is based on the yin-yang theory, which says there are two aspects which are both opposite and complementary. And these are two aspects of one unity.

"This is the philosophy which the Chinese apply throughout their entire philosophical system and also apply to their study of medicine.

"The chassidic philosophy, and Judaism, explain that the world also exists on the interplay of these two aspects which are in opposition and unison."

The only concession Olensky made for religious reasons was to remove the nose from his mannequin to prevent it from being considered an idol.

Because acupuncture is so new in Canada, there are only a few places where it can be studied and no universal, governing body.

Both the Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Association of Canada (with which Olensky is affiliated), and the Acupuncture Foundation (which teaches a Western version) are seeking government accreditation.

For more information, contact Olensky at his clinic, 4140 Bathurst St. Suite 212, North York, M3H 3P3; (416) 630-2792.

Doctor of Acupuncture David Olensky points with an almost invisible needle at a model of the ear showing various acupuncture points. Behind him are some of the many herbal remedies he uses. [Mark Dodick photo]

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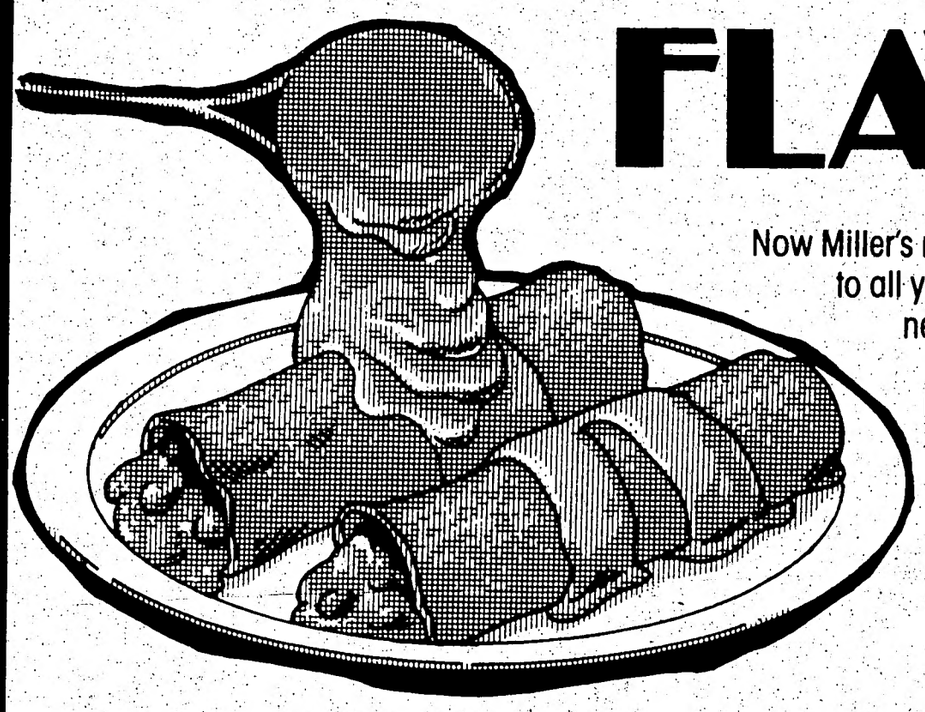

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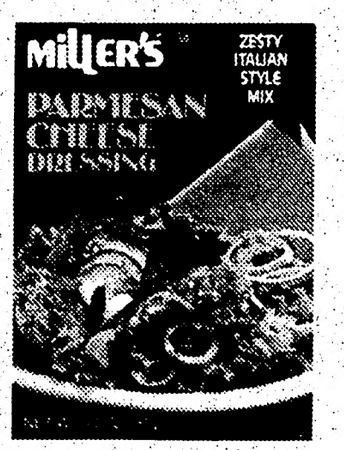

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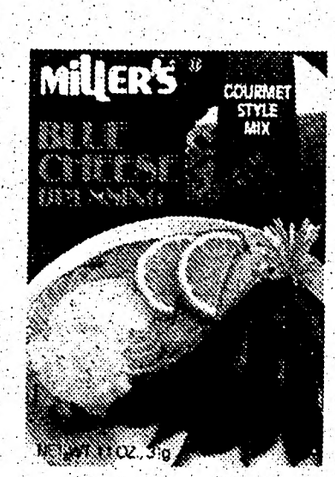

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Interferon drug fights some types of leukemia

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Inter-pharm is one of the first Israel companies to specialize in biotechnology. Basing its program on research begun at the Weizmann Institute, the company already markets one preparation based on "native" interferon, extracted from human foreskins.

Tradenamed Frone, this product has been shown to be effective against herpes and certain other viral infections.

Frone has already been approved by health authorities in Israel, Italy and Argentina, and is now being distributed in those countries.

Applications have been submitted in several other countries, including the United States and affirmative decisions are expected in the course of this year.

Increasing sales — they amounted to $4.6 million in the first nine months of 1986 — have helped the company to achieve profitability.

Observers believe that the introduction of new products, possibly led by the new Alpha C interferon, will only strengthen this trend.

Growth hormone getting positive results

An Israeli-developed, genetically-engineered synthetic growth hormone, has produced encouraging results.

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The tests have been conducted for the past year in 11 university hospitals in the U.S. and four medical centres in Israel — Hadassah Ein Karem, Soroka in Beersheba, Kaplan in Rehovot, and Rambam.

The drug was developed by scientists of the General Biotechnology company of Rehovot, which was founded by Weizmann Institute scientists.

Before the tests on the dwarfish children were undertaken, it had been tested on animals and normalized adult volunteers.

Its use on humans has been approved both by the Health Ministry and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the U.S.

So far, no side effects have been observed. A companion psychological study of the children in the experiment showed positive effects on their motivation, joie de vivre, and self-esteem.

Prof. Marian Goretzky, in charge of research of the Rehovot company, said the drug will be considerably cheaper than the cost of hormones from human glands.

Prof. Joseph Rom of the Technion in Israel talks with Arnold Recht, president of the Toronto Technion Society at a recent meeting of the Canadian Technion Society.

Lavi said crucial to Israel's future

TORONTO —
The most critical decision Israel has faced in the past two decades concerns the Lavi jet fighter project, an Israeli professor of aeronautical engineering recently said here.

Prof. Joseph Rom told members of the Canadian Technion Society that Israel's future is at stake.

"Whether Israel will continue to develop into a major industrial complex or regress to a service community, depends upon whether we continue to develop and build the Lavi."

Rom, who as a member of the Knesset in 1980 prepared the reorganization of government departments at the request of then Prime Minister Menachem Begin, lectures and conducts research at the Technion in Israel.

He argues that the Lavi is at least as good an aircraft as the American F-16 and has greater "survivability" because of its smaller size and other features developed by Israel.

Rom counters charges that the Lavi is too costly by pointing out that with a gross national product of about $24 billion, the cost of $500 million annually for the next 10 years — the estimated cost of production — is not unreasonable.

"Israel has succeeded in developing and producing its own basic ground weapon — the Merkava tank; it has produced its basic naval weapons (the missile boats and Gabriel) and it should produce its own fighter aircraft to continue in the successful tradition of the Kfir," Rom said.

Stargazers can shoot the moon in September at York University

NORTH YORK —
Stargazers can shoot the moon at York University on the evenings of Sept. 2 and 9, the university has announced in a press release.

On those evenings, visitors with Minolta, Canon, Olympus, Nikon or Pentax SLR cameras can take pictures of the moon through the university's 12-inch telescope.

The camera lens must be detachable with a bayonet fitting for the adaptor to work correctly. High-speed film is not recommended.

Stargazing at York will continue Wednesday evenings until Sept. 30 from dusk until 11 p.m. A program of films and slide presentations will also take place each evening, regardless of the weather.

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Study and travel in Israel

Canadians win Bronfman Youth Fellowships

NEW YORK —

Three Canadians were among the first group of North American teenagers chosen as recipients of the Edgar M. Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel.

The group of 25 — 14 boys and 11 girls — left recently for 4 weeks of study and travel. It included Hal Berman of North York; Michael Colson of Montreal and Jennifer Gerstel of Windsor.

The purpose of the fellowship, organizers state through a release, is "to develop future leadership with an understanding of and commitment to the Jewish people, the Jewish state and the building of Jewish unity."

The teenagers were led by a team of educators and counsellors, to meet and participate in seminars with prominent Israelis.

The participants, all of whom are entering their senior year of high school, come from a variety of Jewish backgrounds. They were chosen from some 400 applicants on the basis of "intellect, character and leadership."

The students are expected to use the experience as the basis for examining questions of Jewish identity, says Rabbi Michael Paley, director of the project.

"Few of the programs that are open to young Jews of differing backgrounds address the issue of building Jewish unity."

The program, he continues, will follow a different theme every week for 4 weeks. One week will deal with Israel as a state; one with the people; one with religion; and one on security, the Arab-Israel conflict and religious tensions.

Organized alumni activities are planned after fellows return to evaluate what has been learned and create a continuing association of resource people and future group leaders, says Paley.

The fellowships (endowed by Bronfman through a grant to the World Jewish Congress) cover all expenses, including transportation, room and board and incidentals.

York U tours

NORTH YORK —

York University is offering two daily walking tours of its Keele Street campus until Sept. 4. The university says in a release the tours will be of particular interest to new students.

They will be conducted Monday to Friday at 12.30 p.m. and 2.45 p.m. and last for one hour, except for the earlier Friday tour which lasts for a half hour. Those interested should call (416) 736-5022.

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Organizations and People

North York interfaith group close to resolving dispute

By
MARK DODICK

NORTH YORK —
A special, city-appointed interfaith task force appears to be on its way to resolving a heated dispute between religious groups and angry homeowners.

At a recent meeting, the task force unanimously endorsed a number of recommendations on a bylaw controlling construction of houses of worship in North York.

However, restrictions on size still have to be discussed by the Toronto Jewish Congress and the Interfaith Committee for the Protection of Religious Institutions.

But those restrictions are not as severe as requested by residents who complained about houses of worship being built on residential streets, creating parking and traffic problems.

The task force is expected to report to Mayor Mel Lastman by Aug. 30 on the proposed size restrictions, and the entire package should go to North York city council on Sept. 21, says Bernie Farber, Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman.

Toronto Jewish Congress went into the negotiations with the understanding that the right of religious groups to erect houses of worship "was non-negotiable...it was seen as a matter of freedom of religion," he says.

The task force was able to preserve that right, and prevent city council from establishing a narrower definition that would have protected only sanctuaries while omitting ancillary functions, says Farber.

On the question of proposed size restrictions — 25,000 square foot limit on arterial roads and minor arterial roads, and 15,000 square feet on local and collector roads — he wonders if there should be any.

"But we will be bringing it back to Congress in the next couple of weeks, and the hope is it will be something we can live with.

"The Jewish community must take a look at it and the interfaith group must see if other communities can live with this, and if it is positive we have a deal."

Regulations already provisionally accepted include:

- Restricting parking to one space for each 50 square feet of gross floor area devoted to the main area of worship; or one space for each 300 square feet of gross floor space.
- Landscaping must be in keeping with the area, and a minimum buffer of 10 feet of land must be left around the perimeter if the building is in a residential area.
- Two houses of worship may not be built closer than about 2,000 feet on a residential street.

The proposed regulations would affect new construction or extensions to existing buildings — the parking regulation would be applied only to the area of expansion and not for anything existing, according to the formula.

If the package has the agreement of both religious groups and ratepayers, no problems should be experienced in having it passed, Farber says, adding he believes the ratepayers consider it "workable."

Councillor Bev Salmon (Ward 8), who had defended a number of ratepayers who objected to religious intrusions in their neighborhood, told The CJN she had not attended the meeting and preferred not to comment on the proposals.

Canucks attend TAU meet

TEL AVIV —
A delegation of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University recently attended the school's international board of governors meeting here.

Delegates participated in dedication ceremonies, and discussions about the financial crisis faced by all Israeli universities. They renewed their commitment to find supporters so the university can continue its studies and research.

The Canadian delegation, composed of Prof. Lawrence Bessner and Marcel and Annie Adams, all of Montreal, toured Canadian supported areas — the Marcel and Annie Adams Institute for Business Management Information Systems, the Canadian Zoological Centre, the Jack Cummings Canadian Centre for Diaspora Studies, the Nathan and Lily Silver Chair in Mathematics, the Harold Greenberg Family Project at the Faculty of Visual and Performing Arts, the Bronfman Program for the Study of Arab-Jewish Relations at the Dayan Centre and the Canadian Alpha Omega floor at the new School of Dental Medicine.

Among the delegates to Tel Aviv University's recent international board of governors meeting in Israel were Marcel Adams (left), who is sitting opposite his wife Annie and Prof. Lawrence Bessner, all of Montreal.

The School of Dental Medicine was inaugurated during the board of governors meetings. On hand to witness Foreign Minister Shimon Peres unveil the plaque were two members of Alpha Omega, Dr. Jerome Giblon and Dr. Barry Chapnick, both of Toronto.

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Lincoln Place seeks volunteers for trips

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Lincoln Place wants to hit the road! The well known nursing home at 429 Walmer Rd. is appealing for volunteers so that the residents can go on week-long vacations, weekend trips to resort spots, or on daily outings in the Toronto area.

Lincoln Place has 264 residents, and according to Laurie Beaubien, recreation director, 70 to 75% are Jewish. The kitchens and meals are under supervision of the kashruth division of Canadian Jewish Congress.

"We want to let people know that volunteers will be well received," said Beaubien. "There will be lots of opportunities for them and they will be used in every capacity. We will focus on the needs of the volunteers and utilize their own talents."

At the moment, the nursing home can count on only five volunteers and some relatives or friends of residents to help with recreation both inside the residence and on outings.

"This is the most intensive drive we have ever had for volunteers and this is the only way we can expand our program so that residents can be part of the greater community and also keep alive their own traditions and culture," Beaubien said.

For the first time in its history, Lincoln Place sponsored a Florida vacation for a week in March for two of its residents. If more volunteers become available, more vacations of this kind and holidays closer to home will become possible.

Hampered as they are by lack of volunteers, the staff has been arranging daily outings for small numbers of residents to High Park, Kew Beach, Maple Leaf Bingo Club on St. Clair Ave., Allan Gardens, Royal Ontario Museum, Ontario Place and Harbourfront. There is a monthly trip to Woolco which offers a 15% discount for seniors. And once a month some residents go to Fran's for lunch.

Two seders were held at Lincoln Place this year during Passover. The synagogue chapel has services three mornings a week.

A Happy Hour mid-Friday afternoon is one of the popular events with beer and wine and non-alcoholic drinks being served.

Residents are involved with the recreation program, with a resident committee of 10-15 members. The Lincoln Place Voice is a lively newsletter put out each month by a committee composed of Alec Brozofsky, Eliabeth Gosling, Ada Levy, Vera Merker, Sally Nix, Sam Roher, Louis Rosenthal, Annie Strausberg and Isidore Wainer.

High school and university students should take advantage of what volunteer work can do in the development of skills for future jobs, said Louise Toffoli McLaughlin, a recreation consultant for Lincoln Place.

Anyone interested in volunteering should phone Beaubien at 967-6949, ext. 37.

Left to right: Esther Jennings, recreation assistant with Alec Brozofsky, Lilly Cole and Isadore Wainer at Lincoln Place Happy Hour.

Campaign tries to reduce accidents

TORONTO —

A national campaign to reduce the number of injuries and deaths in bicycling accidents has been started.

The Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled and The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation are spreading the message of The Easter Seal Society's Ontario 'Be Bike Smart' program, across the country.

More than 3 million of Canada's 8 million cyclists are children. Most deaths and injuries occur in the 5-to-14 age group, the society says in a release.

An accident reporting and evaluation project covering the period from January 1982 to December 1985 of five hospitals across the country lists 8,669 cycling accidents — 3,299 involved head injuries.

The pamphlet being distributed, in French and English, is designed to help families teach their children to understand bicycle safety.

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Organizations and People

Observant form "tremendous untapped human resource"

Jerusalem women's college teaches hi-tech skills

TORONTO—

Many religious women are becoming integrated into the mainstream of Israeli economic life thanks to the professional training they get at the Israel College of Technology for Women in Jerusalem.

"You can't survive economically selling oranges — the realty is that Israeli women must work, and that includes religious women" the College's dean said here recently.

Rabbi Meyer Berglas told a large gathering at the Vesta Dr. home of Hazel and Peter Graben that he founded the college 3 years ago to give religious women an opportunity to acquire the technical and professional skills that they need to compete in Israel's fast-growing hi-tech economy.

"Until recently, most observant women in Israel were teachers, nurses or social workers," he said. "Religious women are a tremendous untapped human resource in Israel."

There are more than 60 students in various career-oriented, 3- and 4-year programs in accounting, computer science, electro-optics, electronics and bio-technology.

The college also has 50 girls enrolled in Midreshet Moriah, which offers a 1-year program for overseas students, combining intensive Judaic studies and an opportunity to experience living in Israel.

Six Toronto girls will attend the college next year. They are: Bonnie Langer, of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto; and Dayla Brown, Naomi Goodman, Tzipora Rachlin, Ilana Sacknovitz and Chanie Shields, all of Ulpanat Orot.

Attached to the college campus is the Helen Frieberg Center for Computer Science, established by Murray Frieberg of Toronto in memory of his late wife, because, as he says, "technology is Israel's greatest need and its most important challenge."

The college is located in the Educational Wing of the Nursing School of the new Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem.

Berglas went on aliya to Israel 8 years ago after serving as spiritual leader of the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue in Toronto for 10 years.

The Toronto Committee of the college includes David Blank, Murray Frieberg, Michael Harris, Jack Schwartz, Jack Spodek and Dr. Sam Spodek.

A meeting in support of the Israel College of Technology for Women was held recently in Toronto. Pictured (left to right) are Dr. Sam Spodek, host Peter Graben, Rabbi Meyer Berglas and David Blank. [Ruth Goldsmith photo]

Homes for aged will receive more Ont. $$

TORONTO —

The Ontario government has allocated an extra $102 million to improve services at nursing, municipal and charitable homes for the aged in the province.

Health Minister Murray Elston announced that his ministry will provide an extra $88 million a year to nursing homes to increase staff and to improve the quality of food for residents. Soon after Community and Social Services Minister John Sweeney said his ministry will boost funding for homes for the aged by $14 million a year.

Elston said his ministry has reached an agreement with the Ontario Nursing Home Association on adjustments for inflation as well as substantial incentives for better personal and nursing care.

Almost ⅓ of the amount — $30 million — will go towards adjustments for inflation, which will be retroactive to January 1987. It represents a 5.5% increase of the current per diem rate of $48.90 to $51.59 per resident.

Nursing homes will also receive, retroactive to April 1, an inflation adjustment to their accreditation payment, bringing their daily rate to $51.87 per resident.

Another $49.1 million will enable each nursing home to provide more than 2 hours of nursing and personal care per day. A further $8.9 million will allow the homes to provide more staff for food handling and to improve meals and menus.

Each participating nursing home will sign a contract with the ministry to provide the additional services. Performance will be monitored by ministry inspectors and auditors under provisions in the recent amendments to the Nursing Homes Act to ensure that the extra funding is used appropriately.

The ministry expects to complete the signing of individual contracts in time to start payments Oct. 1.

Most of the increase to homes for the aged — about $11 million — is the basic annual increase granted by the government and represents a 5.5% rise per resident per day.

Municipally run homes for the aged will get over $7.8 million and charitable homes over $3.2 million.

The increase is retroactive to Jan. 1 and affects Ontario's 88 municipally run homes and the 93 homes run by a recognized charity or operated as a registered charity on a non-profit basis.

Conservative group will meet in To.

TORONTO —

The 4th Annual Conference of the Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism will be held here Sept. 13. It's the first time the event is to be staged in Toronto.

The gathering will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Congregation Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd., the organization's head office says in a press release.

Questions to be discussed at the conference include: Will there be a split in the Conservative movement? Is there any hope for tradition in the Conservative movement? Is it still possible to create a traditional Conservative community in the twentieth century?

Participants scheduled to attend include Prof. David Weiss-Halivni, Edward Gershfield and David Novak.

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Police seek female suspect

Fire in Orthodox shul's garage called arson

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
Officials of Tiferet Israel Synagogue are relieved that a fire in their garage, which the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office has ruled as arson, did not damage any holy objects.

Police investigating the fire believe it was started (during The CJN vacation period) by a Molotov cocktail and are searching for a female suspect.

An estimated $16,000 damage was done to the synagogue's garage and another one beside it.

Charles Trojman, 2nd vice-president of the small Sephardi Orthodox congregation at 756 Sheppard Ave. W., told The CJN the shul had not received any threatening mail or phone calls prior to or after the incident.

"What I don't understand is why they went to the garage instead of the main building, but I'm very greatful that nothing happended to the synagogue."

Trojman added that the shul's succah and an old altar were among the objects destroyed or ruined in the blaze.

"We were planning to renovate the synagogue, and now I guess we will have to do it," he said. Asked if the shul would be installing an alarm system, Trojman answered that the board would have to make a decision about that.

The fire is being investigated by the Criminal Investigation Branch of 32 Division on Ellerslie Ave. in Willowdale.

However, PC Howard Clements, a new member of the Metropolitan Toronto Police ethnic squad (replacing PC Mark Mendelson), said fellow ethnic squad member, Doug Bowerman, had been to visit the synagogue.

The ethnic squad (a support unit) had not yet been asked to become involved, said Clements, but could be later.

Both Toni Silberman, Ontario chairperson of the League for Human Rights and CJC Ontario's research director, Bernie Farber, condemned the arson and called for increased vigilance.

Silberman added that the League will be reissuing a revised handbook on responding to anti-semitic incidents and improving security measures.

Tiferet Israel has about 70 members and is led by acting rabbi, Rabbi Shlomo Assayag. It has been on Sheppard Ave. near Harlock Blvd. for about 10 years.

MD "delivered" shul

Joel Cooper to be honored

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Dr. Joel D. Cooper, the world's most renowned lung transplant surgeon, has given life to many patients with terminal lung diseases, and he has been in the forefront of giving life to a new Orthodox synagogue, Kehillat Shaarei Torah in the Bayview-York Mills area.

He will be honored Sept. 9 for his many outstanding accomplishments at a Tribute Dinner at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

The 48-year-old medical pioneer performed the world's first successful lung transplant in 1983. With an operating team of six from Toronto General and Mount Sinai hospitals, he performed a double lung transplant in 1986 which is believed to be the first such operation in North America.

To date, Cooper and his team at Toronto General Hospital have successfully completed four double lung transplants. They are the world's only surviving double lung transplants.

In addition to these patients, Dr. Cooper, in developing the surgical technique, also pioneered single lung transplantation. There are 12 successful cases including the world's longest surviving single lung transplant.

The Toronto program now is being used as a model in centres around the world.

Colleagues, community leaders, synagogue members, friends and family will come to express their appreciation to the "warm, friendly and brilliant man who has made an immeasurable contribution to his society and his synagogue," says Jocelyn Beigel, the tribute chairperson.

All the money raised will go to support the Joel D. Cooper Endowment Fund which will be distributed to the Toronto General Hospital and the Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue.

Cooper was born in Charleston, W.Va. but spent many summer vacations on fishing trips in Ontario as his father was born and raised in Toronto. Cooper received his medical training at Harvard Medical School and his surgical training at Massachusetts General Hospital. In England, he obtained specialized training in thoracic surgery.

On completing his surgical training at the Massachusetts hospital in 1972, he came to Toronto as a member of TGH's Division of Thoracic Surgery and six years later was appointed department head.

In 1982, he became the head of Thoracic Surgery for the University of Toronto. Currently, he heads the lung/heart transplant team at TGH.

He also chairs the hospital's organ donor committee — a hospital-wide committee which reviews ways and means to increase the availability of organs for transplantation as well as the University of Toronto program in transplantation.

"Joel is an exceptional man," says Beigel. "The modest and dedicated surgeon is not only a leader within our synagogue but he is also the driving force behind the construction of the synagogue's new home at 2640 Bayview Ave. which is expected to be completed for the High Holy Days."

The growth of Kehillat Shaarei Torah from living rooms and basements in the late 1970s to its new home, has been a difficult one. With the help of Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, and community leader and philanthropist Kurt Rothschild, in 1981 the congregation engaged Rabbi Eliot Feldman.

Comprised mostly of recent immigrants from South Africa, the synagogue held services and classes at local schools, but these facilities were not available when a yom tov fell during the week. Recognizing the plight of the new Orthodox group, Temple Emanu-El offered them its school wing.

"This association has fostered a friendly relationship between an Orthodox synagogue and a Reform temple," says Janice Segal, a vice-president of Temple Emanu-El who is heading the fund raising for the Cooper tribute. Segal adds, "This is a model for community harmony."

For several years, the fledgling congregation spearheaded by Cooper and his wife and Dr. and Mrs. Gerry Urbach, fought legal actions initiated by neighbors who tried to block the erection of a synagogue. Along with others, she credits Barry Naiberg, a member of the congregation and his law partner Donald Carr, for helping "the congregation succeed in overcoming the obstacles."

Despite his demanding professional schedule, Dr. Cooper, the building chairman, was always available. "He spent countless hours and days on behalf of our synagogue and just as he made it possible for each of his lung transplant patients to have the breath of life, Dr. Cooper has given life to Kehillat Shaarei Torah," says Beigel.

Today, the congregation is no longer "the South African shul." In the words of Rabbi Feldman, "It is a Canadian shul for Canadians of every background." What binds the congregation together, he adds, is a desire to climb the ladder of mitzvah observance, in a halachically observant setting.

Medical pioneer Dr. Joel Cooper, pictured with double lung transplant patient Cathy Urish, will be honored Sept. 9 at a Tribute Dinner at the Sheraton Centre.

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Organizations and People

Israeli youth band scores a triumph

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
What an opportunity missed! Here was an outstanding youth band from Israel but for lack of advance publicity, hardly anyone knew about it.

The band was the prize-winning Akko Youth Band, on the last leg of a 2-week cross-Canada tour, which played in Burlington and Hamilton last month.

In Burlington, home of the famous Teen Tour Band and a public accustomed to band music in the park, the audience was estimated at close to 700. But from the bandshell of Hamilton's Gage Park, the Israelis looked out over partially-filled rows of chairs on a vast expanse of grass.

Yet what better way to make friends for Israel than with music on a pleasant summer evening in the park. And what better ambassadors for Israel than these handsome and talented musicians (all aged between 12 and 18 years), so neat and wholesome in their black blazers and white pants.

They played with what Hamilton Spectator music critic Hugh Fraser described as "breathtaking professionalism." One wished that every high school bandmaster in the city had been there to hear them!

But advance information came much too late. "One phone call well ahead of time was all we needed. We would have done the rest," said Jewish Community Centre executive director Sid Brail.

Organized by the Israel government tourist office in co-operation with Sunworld Tours of Calgary, the tour opened in Calgary during the Stampede, then went on to Lake Louise, Vancouver and Victoria before coming here. Then on to Niagara Falls and Boston, where they participated in the International Conference of Woodwind Bands.

From their repertoire of classical, modern Israeli and traditional Jewish music, marches, show tunes and pop music — and equally accomplished in all — the band chose a program that included some of each. However, the highlight undoubtedly was a Chassidic dance featuring a clarinet solo performed with stunning virtuosity by Mihal Bach.

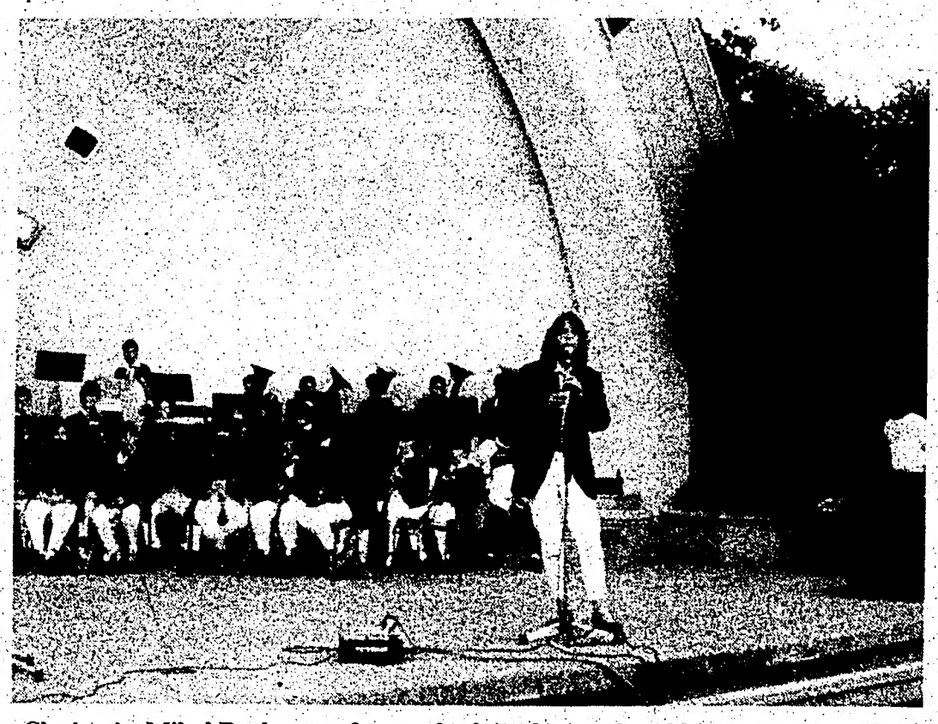
Undismayed by the small audience, the 60-member band played their best yet on the tour, with "exactly the sound I wanted," said conductor Shmuel Kahana.

The Haifa native founded the Akko Youth Band in 1959. Last year, in acknowledgment of his 30 years in music education, the ministry of education awarded him its Educational Prize.

The North American tour "was very important to us," Kahan said, adding it was also "very expensive" and took two years to plan and prepare. Akko city hall and the youth's parents raised $20,000 while the band members augmented this by $25,000 from concerts.

They were accompanied by Akko-native Yaffa Dattner, who is Sunworld Tours' general manager and Ben Shushan Moris, deputy mayor of Akko, who, was presented with an official sculpture of Hamilton by Bill Powell, of the city's culture and recreation department. Paul Hanover accepted a gift from Moris on behalf of Mayor Bob Morrow.

A special guest from her home town of St. Catharines, where she was visiting her parents, was music teacher Liz Vomberg of Jerusalem, who had spent three years with the band as a teacher and assistant conductor.



Clarinetist Mihal Bach was a featured soloist during the Akko Youth Band's performance at Hamilton's Gage Park. [Moura Wolpert photo]

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care physiotherapist Karen Haberman demonstrates a laser machine on medical resident Hu Fang while urologist Dr. Yu Zuyu watches.

Chinese training program

Physicians tour Baycrest

TORONTO —

Ten doctors from the People's Republic of China, participants in a 1-year training program for their country's first hospital for the disabled, recently visited the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care as part of a Canadian tour.

With help from a $1.5 million Canadian International Development Fund grant, the group is being trained in Canada to staff the 214-bed China Rehabilitation Centre, scheduled to open in Beijing in 1988, Baycrest says in a press release.

At the centre, the visiting physicians who are studying geriatrics, saw "state of the art" physical and occupational therapy treatment and assessment areas.

The delegation also toured the Day Treatment Unit of Baycrest's Geriatric Day Hospital, which combines out-patient rehabilitative care with psychological services to delay or prevent institutionalization.

Following a 6-week orientation, including visits to other institutions and familiarization with Canadian practices, the group will be placed in various medical facilities for 1 year of study, before returning to China. In all, 60 doctors will be trained through the program.

Reaction from the Chinese physicians to their Baycrest tour was very positive, the centre says in its release.

Other recent visitors to the medical complex have included hospital administrators from Japan, Australia and England. The centre estimates that more than 1,500 visitors came for tours in 1986.

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Book defines Judaism

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
While non-Orthodox Jews should have no say in the process of conversion, they are still Jews and must be approached with dignity and love.

This is the gist of Rabbi Immanuel Schochet's new book Who Is A Jew: 30 Questions and Answers About This Controversial Issue (Shofar Association, $3.50).

Schochet, a member of the founding family of Toronto's Lubavitch community, is the longtime spiritual leader of the Kielcer Congregation here. An international authority on Jewish philosophy and mysticism, he is also a professor of philosophy at Humber College.

"Come and let us reason together," Schochet pleads with non-Orthodox Jews, "in reason, knowledge and understanding."

Refusal to accept the divinity of both the Written and Oral Torah and to apply its derived halacha in all aspects of life disqualifies non-observant Jews from admitting new Jews to the fold, writes Schochet. Conversions performed by Orthodox-trained rabbis that have not been done halachically are also invalid.

On the other hand, a layman can serve on a beit din (rabbinic court) and still contribute to a halachically legitimate conversion, if he is God-fearing, Schochet points out.

Schochet condemns the personal relativist view towards halacha, as expressed by leading Jewish Theological Seminary Prof. Seymour Siegel, who wrote: "As long as he is serious about his responsibility and concerned about Jewishness, he (a Jew) is doing the right thing in the sight of the Lord."

Comments Schochet: "The very same argument used by Paul and the New Testament to renounce the Torah and Halacha is the foundation of Siegel's preception of Judaism!"

Schochet defines Judaism as a religion, with racial-ethnic overtones. Judaism is not democratic, in the Western sense, but does contain democratic elements, he adds.

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Cites challenges at Beth Torah

Rothman handles challenge of shul presidency

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

When Mollie Rothman joined Beth Torah Synagogue 24 years ago little did she dream that she'd go on to become the shul's first woman president.

"I was pregnant with my fifth child and we were looking for a neighborhood shul to join. I really got caught up in the warmth and closeness of the members," says Rothman.

Added to the fact that she just "doesn't know how to say no," she went on to organize shul bazaars, fill in for the secretary, become membership chairman, sisterhood president and more recently second and first vice-president.

"When the Board of Trustees thought about having a woman run for president, my husband Jack said 'Why not ask Mollie?' and naturally I couldn't resist the challenge."

Another challenge Rothman took on successfully 3 years ago at age 50 was to become bat mitzvahed.

"I didn't want to dread turning 50 as many women do so I decided to really celebrate the fact. I must admit I really did a good job singing my bat mitzvah portion."

She confesses that being president of a synagogue with a membership of 300 families is a lot more work than she thought.

"I sit in on every executive meeting and get involved in every aspect of the shul's activities."

One of her immediate goals is to bring the shul into the computer age to facilitate such tasks as informing members of yahrzeit, and coordinating membership lists.

As well, Rothman would like to see some decorating done in the synagogue to entice more people to hold their simchas there and thus help pay off the mortgage that was taken out for the recently-completed structural changes.

Rothman is also anxious to get women members more involved in shul life.

"That means more than sitting on the executive. I'd like them to be involved in the religious aspect as well. If, for example a father is called to the bimah for a baby naming, I would like to see the mother go up as well. I don't want women to be the invisible half of a couple."

Asked how shul members react to a woman president, Rothman says that naturally there are a few that are not happy.

"Beth Torah has been a congregation since 1961 and it has always had a male president. Some people just don't like to see changes."

Most people have been receptive, she said, adding that Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg, spiritual leader of the synagogue, is supportive.

Mollie Rothman

"All in all I feel a tremendous warmth from most members."

Rothman says that an advantage to having a womnan as shul president is that they often don't work full time and so have more time.

"I do work part time with my son-in-law in the textile business as well as being an active member of Pioneer Women Na'amat but I still have more time than many men."

She notes that because her husband is treasurer of the shul and her son, Steven, is on the board of trustees, their family is spending more and more time on synagogue business.

"All the members are like family to us. Being president just seems like a logical extension after all the work I've done for the shul."

JCC service for singles a huge success

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —

The country-club atmosphere of the Jewish Community Centre's (JCC) Northeast Valley Singles Network has helped the group evolve from a single parents support group into a dynamic umbrella organization that is serving the needs of all singles, of all ages, in the community. So says Sally Kerbel, the JCC's Adult Group Worker in charge of the project.

"Singles are coming out because there's little place for them to meet in synagogues. We give them that place. We provide a ways and a means," said Kerbel.

The group, with a membership of over 150 people, is not just a glorified dating service. "Some of the smaller programs are designed to counteract the 'meat market' perception; the opportunity is there. What you make of it is your business," said Kerbel.

The Singles Network provides services and programs ranging from support and crisis groups for recently widowed or separated people to dances and drop-in game nights, sometimes attracting over 200 people.

For those people who don't like large groups the Network provides smaller events like barbecues, discussion groups and brunch-lecture programs.

According to Kerbel, "people come because they know they'll meet Jews. It's not like bars or private dances or the office."

While the Network doesn't teach Judaism, they do hold High Holiday programs and Passover seders, as well as lectures on Jewish topics like get (a Jewish religious divorce).

"We are not educational in that we're not teaching Judaism; we're not going into an area we don't have expertise in," said Kerbel.

According to Yontif Frasko, chairman of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation's Intermarriage Enquiry," the Singles Network is putting in a lot of effort. They're doing a lot of positive things."

But, said Fran Feldman Dalal, "any program is only as good as the people who participate."

Dalal, who has won an award from the JCC for her volunteer service to the Singles Network, said the group has been successful in combatting the "loser label" by increasing the variety of programs.

"There are more varied groups, parents, older singles and those in their 20s," said Dalal.

Terry Fox Run set for Sept. 13

TORONTO —

Organizers of the 7th annual Terry Fox Run want Canadians to participate — to run, walk, jog, bike, wheel or ride — in the event on Sept. 13.

The event, which is named in memory of the spunky 1-legged athlete who tried to run across Canada in support of cancer research, raised $3.8 million last year.

Money raised from the run have gone to a variety of research projects across the country.

In Toronto, one 10 km course has been set up at the Jewish Community Centre. For more information, contact Roy Lorenz at (416) 636-1880.

For information on other courses in Ontario, phone (416) 488-1480. In Quebec, phone (514) 842-3424. In other provinces, contact the local Canadian Cancer Society, or the Terry Fox Run national office at (416) 441-4313.

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The issues and emotions surrounding adoption information are complex, so professional advice is provided at every stage. The process will also take time, since a large number of requests already exist.

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Bonds to hold lunch lauding Sasha Weisz

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Hamilton State of Israel Bonds women's division will honor Sasha Weisz at its annual luncheon on Sept. 15 at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

Weisz is a past Bonds women's division chairman, a former chairman of UJA women's division and past president of Deborah Sisterhood of Temple Anshe Sholom.

As well, her willingness to help out involves her in other organizations. Weisz recently lent her home to Hamilton Women's ORT for their annual scholarship luncheon.

"Whoever needs a little help, I'm willing," she noted in an interview. That includes the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, for which she also lent her house for a fund raising project, and canvassing for the cancer and heart funds.

Hamilton is a small community and so you get involved in most organizations, explains Weisz.

Sasha Weisz

Born and raised in Hamilton, her own community involvement began when she joined Hadassah soon after her marriage in 1968. But her husband Tom's law studies soon took them to Boston, where he attended Harvard while Sasha continued a registered nursing career. Then it was back to Toronto for a couple of years before returning here to raise their two children, Eric and Danna, now 16 and 13, respectively.

At that time "we started getting involved as a young couple, which was more appealing to me," Weisz said. But before long — "while I was minding my own business" — she was asked if she would revive the Bonds women's division by taking on the chairmanship.

"I got a lot of my friends involved and before long we got a lovely women's division going."

She also soon found out that one organization inevitably leads to another. UJA followed, where she served in "many different jobs and categories" before becoming chairman and seeing the women's division through one of its most successful campaigns.

"And then I got involved in Sisterhood," said Weisz. "Another challenge. I really enjoyed that too."

She continues to be active in UJA and on the Sisterhood executive and earlier this spring, also served on the Negev Dinner canvassing committee.

The entire family is involved. Her husband Tom, president of Effort Trust, is a past Bonds chairman and was a major sponsor for last May's UJA Walkathon. Eric and Danna both graduates of Hamilton Hebrew Academy, are both members of B'nai B'rith.

Baycrest Women's Auxiliary

Friedland named president

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

It was an emotional moment as Pat Friedland was installed as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care by her mother Leona Finkler, a past president.

In accepting the presidency of the 3,400-member Women's Auxiliary, Friedland reflected on the role model her parents, Arnold and Leona Finkler, set for her by "taking tragedies and transcending their sorrow into good deeds and a philosophy of caring and sharing with others."

Leona Finkler, a Holocaust survivor of eight concentration camps, thanked her daughter for her "courage and strength and always being there when her family needed her."

This summer, Pat and her husband Allan accompanied the Finklers to Israel to officially dedicate the Marilyn Finkler Cancer Research Centre situated on the campus of Bar-Ilan University on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. Pat's only sister Marilyn died of cancer in 1975 at the age of 19.

"Since losing my sister 12 years ago, life took on a new and different perspective — not to take things for granted," says Pat. "My goal is to make each day the best it can be and in some small way help those around me — my family and our seniors at Baycrest — to do the same."

Speaking of the courage of her parents, she said, "My father was the son of the Radoshitzer rabbinical dynasty. He was a member of the resistance movement during World War II. Leading 23 partisans, he cut through the barbed wire and miraculously escaped from the concentration camp. He then helped others escape and to set up their lives anew."

Pat Friedland (left) and her mother Leona Finkler.

Leona Finkler also came from a rabbinical family. "My mother experienced unspeakable horrors in the concentration camps including the infamous Auschwitz — she lost most of her family."

Despite their horrendous experiences, she comments, they maintained a sense of "morality and decency" which they translate into tireless work to help those less fortunate than themselves.

The war deprived Pat Friedland of grandparents and she feels that it is most fitting that the members of her family have dedicated themselves to helping elderly people at the Baycrest Centre.

In an interview with The CJN, Pat said that she is grateful that her mother steered her in the right direction — to community endeavors. Pat Friedland has held numerous positions in Hadassah-WIZO, Jewish National Fund and the Bar-Ilan and Hebrew Universities friends organizations.

But working for the elderly, she notes, has always had special importance in her family. "Mother would quote from the Talmud, "Stand when you encounter an older person and light up the faces of the elderly."

To this task, the new head of the Women's Auxiliary has pledged her full commitment. The young president, who is described by her associates as "warm and sincere," has attracted many new members to the women's auxiliary throughout her many chairmanships at the centre.

And with a smile, Pat who is the mother of Marla, 12, and Jeffrey, 14, says, "My mother is both my severest critic and my most ardent supporter, and for this I am very grateful."

Leona agrees adding that she has always expected excellence-plus from her daughter, and she has not been disappointed. "She is a compassionate human being, an exemplary wife, a wonderful mother, daughter and friend," says Leona as she sheps naches. "And she also has a delightful sense of humor."

As the 1987-89 auxiliary members wind up for another season of fund raising, volunteer work and educational programs, Pat and her executive are filled with enthusiasm and confidence.

"Patty believes in leadership by example," says Leona. "For years, she has taken part in almost every aspect of Baycrest's activities. And above all, Patty believes that every volunteer counts which creates a spirit of cooperation."

Speaking for herself and her husband, Leona concludes, "We are happy that Patty has chosen Baycrest and that she upholds the family traditions of Torah, avodah and gemilat chasadim."

Meir's grandniece actress to speak at Hamilton tribute

HAMILTON —

A Broadway actress who is the grandniece of Golda Meir will be the guest speaker at the State of Israel Bonds women's division luncheon Sept. 15 at Beth Jacob Synagogue in honor of Sasha Weisz.

Alice Golembo, who was a member of the original Broadway cast of the play Golda and who aided playwright William Gibson with his research for the play, is a granddaughter of Golda Meir's older sister, Shana Korngold. Golembo spent one year living with the late Israeli prime minister in her official residence in Jerusalem.

Alice Golembo

In addition to appearing on Broadway, Golembo has had a number of roles on stage, films and television in the United States and in Israel, where she starred in two television series, Dizengoff Circle and Izzie and Lizzie.

In the U.S. she has appeared with such well-known stars as Alexis Smith, Joan Fontaine and Gene Hackman. She is a founding member of The Journey Company, an Off-Off Broadway repertory company.

Born in Baltimore, Golembo received her dramatic training at the Goodman School of Drama in Chicago and the North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem. — **M.W.**

Nahal's Gilboa's snub incites women's groups

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —

Outgoing Nahal unit Commander Brig.-Gen. Yoram Gilboa thinks women should not command men in the army.

During an interview for the women's supplement of the Israel Defence Force (IDF) paper Bamahane Nahal, Gilboa was asked about Lieut. Sigil Ikri who wants to go to a battalion comanders' course and to become commander of a Nahal outpost.

"A woman soldier, no matter how capable, simply does not have experience relevant to commanding men who have to go into combat," he said. "I, as a combat soldier, would not accept a woman's authority."

He added that a woman officer in such a position would become a social counselor rather than a real officer.

Na'amat secretary-general Masha Lubelsky said Gilboa should read the recent history of Israel and find out how many women held command positions in the pre-state Palmach and during the War of Independence, with men accepting their authority without question.

She said there has been too much of a tendency lately to doubt the importance of women's army service. Fewer girls are being called up and criteria for calling up women have been changed to this end, she said.

She added that Lieut. Ikri should be given the chance to succeed or fail in the course according to her abilities, without someone deciding her abilities in advance. "I hope the IDF has tried and tested tools for finding out during courses who has the ability to command and who doesn't."

WIZO Israel chairman Ruth Tekoah and WIZO's Council on the Status of Women issued a statement demanding that Gilboa take back his remarks and saying it is shameful when high-ranking male officers have such an attitude towards dedicated, capable women who are doing responsible jobs in the IDF and are ready for greater responsibility.

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North of Steeles

Housing divisions springing up

Developers turn sights on Bayview-Hwy 7 area

By
JEFF ROSEN

For years the Bathurst corridor has served a growth chart for the Jewish community. As the community grew, Jews moved further north along the street — eventually traveling past Steeles to settle in Vaughan and Markham.

Now with a Jewish community established north of Steeles, a new one should begin to form in the next few years along Bayview as developers begin to build. Only this time it won't be north of Steeles, but north of Highway 7!

Developers are now setting their sights north of Highway 7 along Bayview. Housing divisions are springing up, parks and schools are planned and the Conservative Shaareh Haim Synagogue is slated to be built in the area.

Artist's impression of the Marquis 7, one of Greenpark's homes in Bayview Hill Lower Village.

The largest of these developments is The Bayview Hill, north of Highway 7 on the east side of Bayview Ave. The massive development has been divided into the Upper and Lower Villages and is being developed by Greenpark, Regal Crest Homes, Wycliffe, Georgian and Townwood.

Having completed phase 1 of its development in Bayview Hill Upper Village, Regal Crest is now selling its 80 lots in phase 2. There are four models available on 60 by 145 foot lots ranging in price from $394,900 to $449,900. The homes range in size from 3,000 square feet to 4,400 square feet and are available in 4- and 5-bedroom models.

Greenpark is making its presence felt in both villages. In the Upper Village, 20 different models are being built ranging in price from $399,000 to $460,000 and size from 3,275 square feet to 4,609 square feet.

The homes are fully detached 2-storey brick on large 60 X 145 foot lots. All homes have 4- and 5-bedrooms.

In the Lower Village, Greenpark's Bayview Village provides smaller lots with 46- or 50-foot frontages. The homes range in size from 2,656 square feet to 3,535 sqaure feet for the regency series and from 3,165 sqaure feet to 3,643 square feet for the marquis series.

The price of these all-brick homes ranges from $327,000 to $373,900. While there only a few of these homes left, Greenpark plans on building 126 additional homes in the future.

Homes by Georgian are slightly more pricey at $411,000 to $504,000. However they're also larger. These 2-storey homes range in size from 3,200 square feet to 4,500 square feet. They are being built on 66 X 150 foot lots and include front landscaping, interlocking driveways and special trim on baseboards and frames.

While sales of Townwood homes are now complete, the company is expected soon to announce details of phase 2 of its development in the area. This will include some new models. Wycliffe has almost sold out all its homes in phase 1 in the Lower Village and has as yet set no date for developing phase 2.

In the nearby Steeplechase, Georgian homes are going for $339,000 to $385,000 and range in size from 2,900 square feet to 3,600 square feet. These smaller 4-bedroom homes are being built on 50 X 115 foot lots and some are being built in cul-de-sacs and pie shaped lots.

Wycliffe is also making its mark in the Steeplechase with 73 2-storey homes ranging in price from $329,000 to $389,000 and size from 2,600 square feet to 3,900 square feet.

Just south of Bayview Hill, home buyers have a wide selection of new housing subdivisions to choose from.

In the Colonial Woods subdivision, 108 all-clay brick homes are currently being built. The 2-storey, 4-bedroom homes range in size from 2,060 square feet to 3,397 square feet and are selling for $275,900 to $344,900. They are expected to be complete by next spring.

In the nearby Gold Park Estates, 2-storey, 4-bedroom homes are going up ranging in size from 2,450 square feet to 3,039 square feet. Prices in this 181-home subdivision range from $310,900 to $350,900.

The largest, the Park VII, features a covered front porch, spacious gourmet style kitchen with family sized dinette area and sliding door walk out, living and dining rooms, a private den, family room with wood burning fireplace, powder room and sunken laundry room, circular staircase, master bedroom with his and her closets, full ensuite with step-up tub and separate shower stall, basement with cold cellar and 2-car garage with direct access to interior of the house.

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Traveling west, interested home buyers have what is being called the "final opportunity" to live in the Spring Farm community.

Spring Farm, developed by Runneymede Development Corporation, consists of over 2,000 homes set in 250 acres of hills at Clark and Yonge, a community centre, a 20-acre park and recreational complex which includes an indoor pool and ice arena. It is also the site of the Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue currently under construction.

What Spring Farm is offering now is the Brownstones, a townhome community at the northwest corner of Yonge and Clark. The townhomes are priced from just over $200,000 to $255,000 and range in size from 1,625 square feet to 2,333 square feet.

They are fashioned in Victorian detailing and include colonial doors and trim, wood cornice moulding applied to living and dining room ceilings, fireplace with marble hearth and marble and fancy wood facings, designer kitchens with Florida-style luminous ceilings, skylight over upper hall stairwell, master bedrooms with sitting rooms, oversized tub and whirlpool and air conditioning.

Back on Bathurst, developers are working in the Highway 7 area. On the west side of Bathurst at Hwy. 7 work has started on Golden Green Estates by Lakeview Development.

When completed by the end of the year, the area will consist of 58 2-storey homes, each selling for over $300,000.

In the immediate vicinity is Golders Green, which features homes from 2,587 square feet to 3,825 square feet. The latter, the Westminster House, is a 5-bedroom residence with a circular staircase from basement to second floor, a 20 foot kitchen with island and greenhouse, a breakfast nook with walkout to the yard, a sunken family room with fireplace, a private library and a separate dining room.

For a bit of old-world charm and style Philmor Goldplate Homes north of Highway 7 on Bathurst is in the process of building 735 luxury homes. The new subdivision, to be completed sometime in 1988, features 4-bedroom homes in Georgian and Regency style of the 1790-1830 period from $300,000 to $430,000.

The homes will range in size from 2,400 square feet to 4,600 square feet and will have a special unique feature of detached garages. This will make the homes look better, says Seymour Shadlesky, sales manger of Philmor Goldplate Homes, a major builder and developer of the subdivision on the former Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club.

In the subdivision the streets will feature centre boulevards and sidewalks done in interlocking brick. All street lighting will resemble old gaslights. All this will make the subdivision elegant and luxurious, Shadlesky said.

In the Dufferin-Clark area, work is underway on phase 3 of Dufferin Village. Homes are available on 30-, 35- and 40-foot lots. They range in size from 1,860 square feet to 2,400 square feet and in price from $224,900 to $269,900.

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Variety of shuls in York Region

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

From Reform to Orthodox, from buildings of stone and brick to crowded basements, the variety of shuls in York Region mirrors the diversity of the Jewish community which has moved here.

Temple Har Zion, located at 7360 Bayview Ave., is the only Reform temple north of Steeles. Described by excutive member Lynn Rae as "child oriented", it offers "one of the best religious schools in the city" and an active youth program. Many children stay associated with the synagogue throughout their teens and after marriage.

Adult education programs, a baseball team, trips to events such as the Precious Legacy exhibit, make the synagogue "interesting as well as spiritual" for its 40 families. Rabbi Michael Stroh is spiritual leader.

The main Shabbat service is Friday night. A popular Saturday morning event is a Torah class followed by a short service (if there is no bar or bat mitzvah) and breakfast.

Shaar Shalom Synagogue, a Conservative synagogue, is making plans for its 3rd and final building phase, says President Claude Sassoon. The 260 families enjoy theatre nights, adult education programs, an annual bazaar and an active sisterhood. Spiritual leader is Rabbi Sheldon Korn.

Since the membership includes some 500 children under 18, it is no wonder that programs for them form a large part of the shul's life. There is a regular Shabbat youth service, active Kadima and United Synagogue Youth chapters (youth groups associated with the Conservative movement), a large Hebrew school and many special events.

Shaar Shalom will hold auxiliary High Holiday services at the northeastern branch of the Jewish Community Centre.

Although Conservative synagogue Shaareh Haim Congregation currently meets in M.L. McConoghy Centre on Yonge St. (north of Major Mackenzie in Richmond Hill), immediate past president Dr. Kel Sherkin is looking forward to the imminent ground breaking for its permanent facility in the Bayview Hill development at Bayview and Weldrick. The first phase is expected to open by next spring.

Sherkin calls Shaareh Haim a "family oriented shul", in which everyone is encouraged to participate in services. Several times a year, spiritual leader Rabbi Lawrence Troster even conducts special "learner services'.

Adult education classes, community seders and special yom tovim events help encourage the family atmosphere of the shul. Plans are to start a Kadima chapter this fall.

The exterior walls of Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation's permanent home at York Hill Blvd. and Clark Ave. are rising quickly. Board chairman Joel Miskin says it is possible that enough of the sanctuary will be completed that the Orthodox congregation can worship there on the High Holidays instead of at its temporary location on Bevshire Circle. A permanent move is planned for late 1987 or early 1988.

The shul's nearly 300 families has an active adult education program, a sisterhood noted for its vibrancy, and a tradition

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There are a number of Jewish schools located north of Steeles Ave. including Eitz Chaim Schools' newest campus located adjacent to what will soon be the Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue. [Jeff Rosen photo]

North of Steeles

Shabbat morning services started

Rabbi Troster aids in Shaareh Haim's growth

By
JUDITH EVE

Last year's gamble of hiring a full-time rabbi and buying land for a building has paid off remarkably for Shaareh Haim Synagogue in Richmond Hill, according to the congregation's newly-elected president.

"Having our first full-time rabbi has been the biggest change in the past year," Karen Miller told The CJN recently. "It has led to so many things we never had in the first 10 years of our life as a congregation — a regular Shabbat minyan, adult education classes, Sunday morning lectures.

"Also, we now have a spiritual leader who is there on a daily basis for us to go with problems — it's put a whole new aura on the shul."

Shaareh Haim's rabbi, Lawrence Troster, told The CJN he considers the biggest accomplishment of his first year with the 80-family congregation to be the establishment of that Shabbat morning minyan.

"It shows how committed people are when a shul this size gets a minyan every week," Troster said. "We've developed the kind of minyan I was looking for — full participation by women and men in a haimishe friendly atmosphere, with a lot of interaction between people. I don't so much give a sermon each week, for example, as lead a discussion. The children also take part in services and feel comfortable there.

"We have lots of people involved in synagogue life who have never done this before. There is a very high percentage involvement and, what is gratifying, is that it's happening because our members, old and new, are involved because they very much want to be."

Shaareh Haim, the only egalitarian Conservative synagogue in the Metro Toronto area, currently holds its Shabbat services at the McConaghy Centre on Yonge Street in Richmond Hill. High Holiday services are held at the Richvale Community Centre.

Although the nomadic life has not been too bad, Troster said, the congregation is excitedly looking forward to September and the scheduled groundbreaking for its permanent home on Bayview Ave. at Weldrick.

"Our address will be 9711 Bayview, which adds up to chai, President Miller said. "Phase One of our building campaign is for the construction of a small shul office and multi-purpose room which we will use for services and which the United Synagogue Day School will be able to use for four classrooms."

Karen Miller

The Shaareh Haim site is the third campus for USDS. Nursery classes for the Shaareh Haim USDS will begin this September in a rented space in Richmond Hill.

Both Miller and Troster spoke of the excitement of being pioneers. For example, it was during this past year that the shul bought its siddurim, a megillat Esther and a chuppah. In the coming year, it will start a Kadima chapter for children in grades 5 through 7, hold leadership development sessions for the board, launch various fund raising projects, including a car raffle, and expand its involvement with both the Metro Toronto Jewish community and the community of Richmond Hill.

"I think the congregation is becoming aware of its responsibilities to the larger Jewish community," Troster said. "And we have started, in a small way, some interfaith contacts. Certainly we will repeat last year's very successful Kol Nidre food drive, giving the food collected to the local food bank.

"Once we have our own space, we can and should make it available for meetings — for example, Toronto Jewish Congress is doing outreach to this area and would be very welcome to use our facilities if we had them."

Richmond Hill has never had an identified Jewish presence and a Jewish building," Miller added, "and that is going to change radically, with an influx of about 5,000 Jewish families expected here over the next 10 years. It is very important that we be a community synagogue, part of the town itself and yet a special place for us and our children to meet and socialize and make friends.

"My husband and I are from Halifax, a small Jewish centre — it is the kind of warmth and openness and roots we remember from there that we are already feeling at Shaareh Haim and which I know will continue to grow."

For more information on Shaareh Haim Synagogue, call Rabbi Troster at 737-3080 or the shul office at 884-3353.

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Thornhill Village Festival planned

Society dedicated to saving historic buildings

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

Despite the pressures of rapid development and explosive population growth, a group dedicated to preserving historic buildings and homes in Thornhill is enjoying success, organizers say.

Vic Stecyk, a school principal and past president of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT) says the new development "hasn't been overwhelming yet," and the ever-growing population "offers a larger group of people on which to draw" to support the group's efforts.

Last October's Ontario Municipal Board decision, sanctioned by the Town of Markham, to create a Historic Conservation District on the east side of Yonge St. north of Arnold Ave. was a "major step in preserving village life," says current society president Patti Grand.

"Having the ability to preserve and have input in changes to occur is a significant step indeed," says Grand.

A second measure, which Stecyk says has "effectively gone through," but awaits OMB approval, will bring the area on the west side of Yonge St., which is part of the Town of Vaughan, into the conservation district.

The "reuniting" of historic Thornhill, into a conservation district roughly bordered by Arnold Ave. on the south, Royal Orchard Blvd. on the north, John St. to around Henderson on the east and Centre St. to Donnamae Cres. on the west, will "help solve a lot of the problems relating to the various levels of government involved," Grand says.

The society's efforts are largely directed at identifying historic properties, educating people about them and helping to prevent them from being demolished.

Through a variety of activities the society raises funds and uses them to share with the town or the owner the cost of refurbishing and maintaining historic homes and buildings.

"While we are not always successful," Grand said, "we have helped to restore to several buildings some of their former charm."

And while they are not always on the same side, Grand has kind words for Markham and Vaughan politicians. "They deserve credit," she says. "We have tried to unite the historic town and they have given us a lot of cooperation."

Participating on a town advisory board gives society officials the chance to discuss projects with developers while they are in the planning stages.

"This allows us to tell them our concerns and whether we think their changes will be an attribute to the village," Grand says.

"And many developers have enhanced the community," she adds.

Members of the society are currently engaged in planning and organizing their biggest event of the year — the 11th annual Thornhill Village Festival.

Set for Saturday, Sept. 19, the festival is a celebration of the time, a hundred years ago, when Thornhill was a bustling country village.

Featuring a 5-kilometre Fun Run, a parade of antique cars, floats, marching bands and 19th century costumes, displays of antiques and arts and crafts and a plentitude of food and drink, the festival attracted 17,000 people last year.

"It's a wonderful day," Grand says. "And more and more people come in costume each year."

It's also an opportune time for the society to solicit new members. "We'll have displays set up telling what we are about and encouraging people to join," says Stecyk. "We are looking for many new members."

The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill charges an annual membership fee of $10 per family and $7 for individuals and includes a newsletter keeping members up to date on the society's efforts. Meetings are held about 8 times per year.

Society meetings are not only concerned with the serious business of preserving historical properties. "We spend a lot of time learning about the past," Grand said.

Through speakers, slide shows, and displays of old clothing, recipes, jewelry and toys, members learn a great deal about the heritage of their community.

For more information on the Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill contact Grand at 889-1923.

MPP Greg Sorbara (right) enjoys awards ceremony after the games at his annual picnic.

Sorbara holds local picnic

By
VIVIEN SHARON

The 1st annual picnic for the residents of York North was held recently at Thornhill Park on a breezy yet sunny Sunday afternoon, organized by Liberal MPP Greg Sorbara and the provincial Liberal riding association.

"This is meant to be a fun, non-political community event for families and residents of York Region," said Sorbara, whose own young children competed in many of the sports events and games.

Refreshments were plentiful, from the 700 kosher hot dogs, to the pizzas and soft drinks that were free for the more than 300 visitors.

A highlight for the children was the potato sack races, fun runs and water balloon toss competitions, culminating in ribbons and prizes for the winning competitors of all ages.

A major attraction was the 4-inning baseball game between the two competing teams, the Sorbaracudas (those who work for and support the MPP), against Premier David Peterson's team (represented by Peterson's staff minus the chief).

"The riding has seen an enormous rate of growth over the past few years," Sorbara told The CJN before the picnic. "It is only natural that our need for schools, and social, communal, and health services would also increase proportionately.

"It is of vital concern that growth and services are provided for in a timely fashion," said Sorbara, who will run in the York Centre riding in the next election.

When asked about the possibility of a fall election, Sorbara, while diplomatically skirting the issue, did in fact intimate that it could be "imminent."

During the picnic, a community group calling itself Save Uplands, lobbied for the preservation of the Uplands golf course and greenpark for recreational purposes rather than for development.

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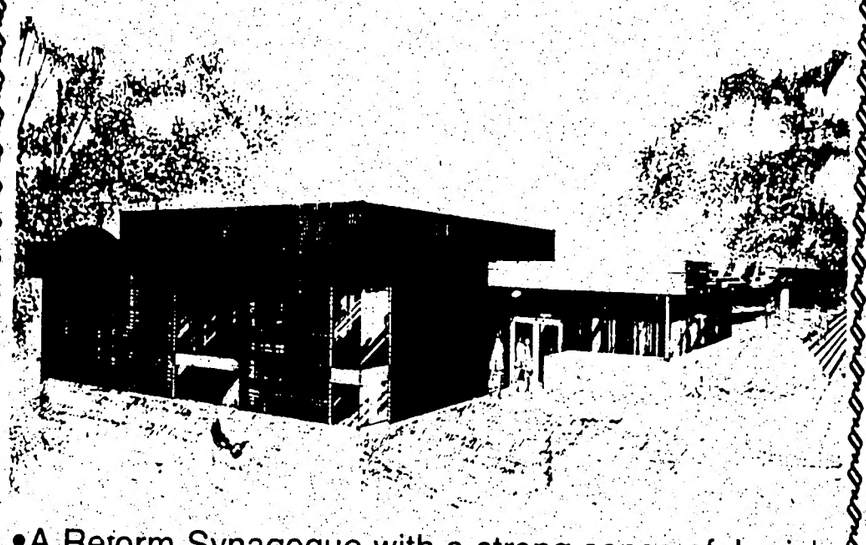

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Parents question legitimacy of school standards

By
MARK DODICK

There is no end yet in sight in a complex and divisive dispute between indignant parents and school officials in York region.

At the heart of the simering controversy is whether some students at Westminster Public School in Thornhill (just north of Metro Toronto) have failed for "unsound" reasons unrelated to their performance, and why so many have failed.

That issue has also caused additional claims of ethnic insensitivity to surface, and a call for assistance issued to Canadian Jewish Congress by Jews and non-Jews.

Affected parents have raised questions about the legitimacy of school standards, and the ability of teachers to deal with an influx of students from different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

In pursuing their case, the parents say they have compiled a list of 20 students who failed last year, and some 75 who have failed over the past three years.

But those numbers just don't agree with York board statistics, staunchly defended by Bob Cressman, director of education for York region, and the final authority on failures there.

He says the numbers should be 11 (out of an annual school population of 900) and 31; can't explain the discrepancy; and defends the policy of having children take a "consolidation year," even though the practice in other school boards has become extremely rare.

"You can't have failures if you don't have standards. We believe there are times when a student should be held for consolidation."

But the dissatisfied parents have organized a support group, PASS, Parents Advocating Student Success, and have sent their statistics to the ministry of education, seeking the minister's help.

The spokesman and driving force of PASS is Susan Kadis. Her son failed grade 3 despite the opinion of an independent consultant's view that he should have passed.

Kadis places responsibility for the problems at the doorstep of school principal John Thompson and the school board which she describes as being composed of the "old guard."

The school did not "find the techniques," to adequately absorb a growing population of newcomers from different ethnic groups, from homes with broken families, and students from two cooperative developments, she says.

"They should have people on the staff who are more ethnically oriented, more in line with the changing community so the integration is better, and that's not what they have," she adds.

When help for troubled students does come, Kadis continues, it isn't always the right kind and isn't consistently directed to those children who need it.

The parents have planned to speak with area MPP Gregory Sorbara, says Kadis, and are waiting for a response from the ministry of education on their findings.

However, Carol Beckmann, policy advisor to the minister of education, told The CJN it was unlikely the minister could do anything about the matter.

The minister is prohibited by law from directly involving himself in the affairs of individual school boards, she explained. However, "if there is evidence that there is conduct proscribed by the Human Rights Code, the remedy is with the Human Rights Commission."

The ministry will, however, ask its central region office to investigate, she said. Beckmann added that the ministries of education and citizenship and culture have a variety of materials available to help teachers deal with newcomers.

While it seems the ministry of education can do little to ease the situation, an offer by Canadian Jewish Congress to help was met with little enthusiasm by Cressman.

Contacted by parents disturbed by what they considered religious insensitivity, (remarks about kippot, scheduling of exams on holidays) Bernie Farber, research director for CJC Ontario's joint community relations committee, said he sent Cressman a letter offering Congress' help.

However, when called by The CJN, Cressman replied he had as yet no evidence of discrimination and saw no need for a sensitization program.

Saying he would investigate a report of inappropriate remarks from one teacher about wearing "skullcaps," Cressman added: "Even if it is the case, it is not a strong indicator that all the teachers need to be sensitized. I'm not prepared to tar all with the same brush."

Assessing the situation as a whole, Farber says: "I don't think there are any links between the high failure rate and the fact these are Jewish children.

"But there are some problems where urban finally meets rural, between those citizens who have been living there for many years and an influx of different ethnic groups. The York board is not fully prepared for dealing with these groups."

Noting that the Parent's Liaison Committee which supports the principal and the school has several Jewish members, Farber added he felt on the part of all parties "a sense that if all work together, it can be resolved."

Farber suggested the situation might be well dealt with by the Vaughan Race and Ethnocultural Relations Committee.

But any long-term solution to the problems will likely have to wait until September when school staff returns from the summer break, and the various individuals and bodies can make their investigations and recommendations.

Eitz Chaim Schools move north

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

Jewish education options here are as vibrant as the growing community.

Eitz Chaim Schools will be opening its newest branch this September on York Hill Blvd., just south of Clark. It will offer a preschool, and girls' classes up to grade 4 in the first year. Such safety features as extra wide stairs and others, beyond the required safety standards, individual playgrounds for the preschool, grade school and day care centre located in the building "make it a source of great pride", said executive director Joseph Goldwasser. He took The CJN on a tour of the new premises recently.

The auditorium-cum-gym is constructed to be available for Jewish community functions.

Associated Hebrew Schools, whose permanent location is a subject of lively debate at local barbeques, shopping plazas and what-can-we-talk-about-when-we-should-be-davening-at-shul conversations, is adding four more classes to its temporary facility on Clark just west of Bathurst. Spokesperson Sue Walsh reports that there will be nursery, junior and senior kindergarten and two grade 1 classes in September. As well, a full day program for senior kindergarten children will be available.

A new arrival on the York Region day school scene is **United Synagogue Day Schools,** which will be offering a nursery class in portables on the future site of Shaarei Haim Synagogue in Richmond Hill. (The structure will be shared with the shul and the school when it is built). Additional classes are planned for each subsequent year.

Rabbi Eliezer Rokach, reports that **Or Ha'Emet Sephardic Day School** is planning to build here soon. He told The CJN that there is a great deal of demand in the area for such a school.

Those wishing for a preschool program not associated with a day school are not left out.

Shalom Preschool, for instance, at Don Mills and Steeles offers pre-nursery to junior kindergarten programs for children 2½ - 5 years of age. **Kreative Kids Preschools** and **Montessori Schools** are also establishing themselves north of Steeles.

Supplementary schools are continuing to flourish, with many adding new locations and extra classes.

Ohalei Yoseph Yitzchok, appears to be the only Orthodox supplementary school in the area, and will be holding classes for children from four to 13 years of age at Thornlea Secondary School.

Conservative Synagogues **Shaarei Haim** and **Shaar Shalom,** and Reform **Temple Har Zion** report growing congregational school populations.

Shaarei Haim and Temple Har Zion will remain in the same location, while Shaar Shalom reports that it will continue to hold classes at Zion Hts. Jr. High School on Leslie St., but is looking for more space in another location as well.

that **United Congregational Schools** is adding classes at Bishop Scalabrini Separate School. This will be in addition to its Westminster Public School facilities at Milner Gate and Mullen Dr.

B'nai Shalom Hebrew School is also growing, and, as well as maintaining its Westminster Public School location, will be offering classes at the newly opened York Hill Public School on Hilda between Clark and York-Hill Blvd.

Torah Ohr Supplementary School principal Michael Rubinoff told The CJN that, due to urging from parents at his Bayview Fairways branch, who are moving to the new housing developments further north, he is negotiating with the Richmond Hill Board of Education to hold classes in a school there.

In-Home Hebrew School, says principal David Cooper, will be based on Dundern St. in the Royal Downs housing development at Atkinson and Centre Streets. He is expanding service to Richmond Hill, Markham and Kleinberg.

Day care centres such as **B'nai Shalom Nursery School** and the new **Yorkview Day Care Centre** at Coulter's Mill also offer pre-school programs, separate from their day care centre.

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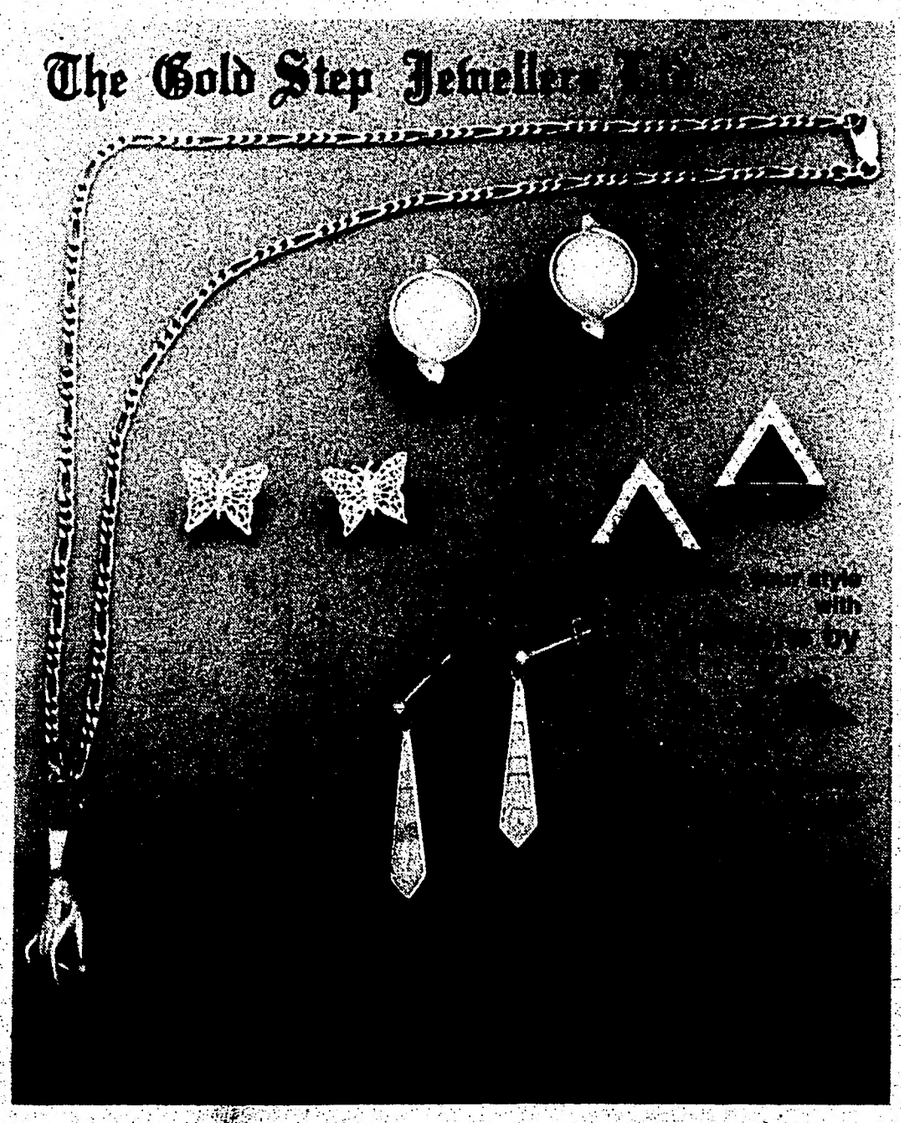

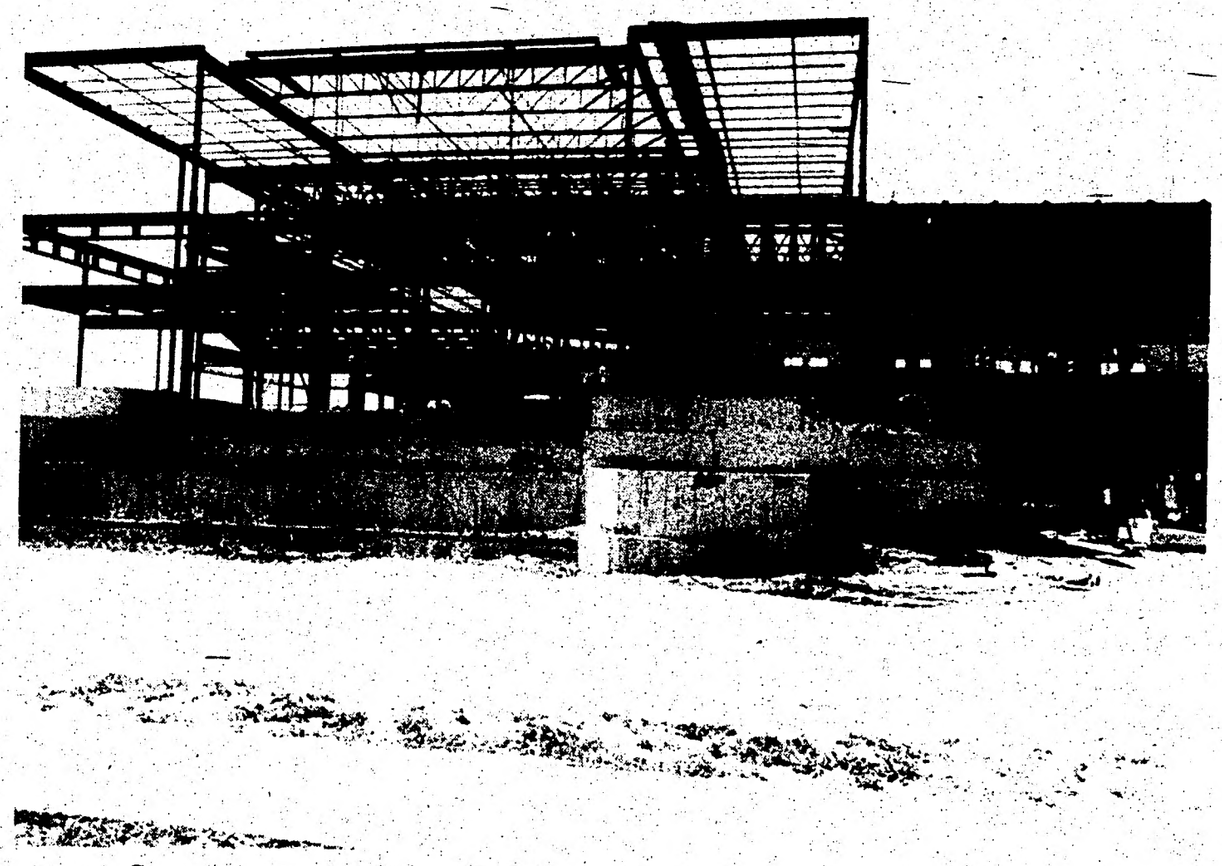

Construction is proceeding on Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Construction still on track for Beth Avraham Yoseph

Though much construction remains to be done, the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation still hopes to hold High Holiday services in its new synagogue.

That projection keeps the shul (south of Clarke, one block east of Bathurst) on track with a prediction made last year by Laurence Cherniak, past chairman of the board and now chairman of the building committee.

Originally scheduled for completion in 1985, board chairman Joel Miskin, says the much-delayed structure is expected to be ready for permanent occupancy in late 1987 or early 1988.

Officials have said that BAYT, named in honor of benefactor Joseph Tanenbaum, will be the largest Orthodox congregation in Canada and among the largest in North America — even though it was scaled down from its original, immense proposal.

Besides a main sanctuary with more than 900 seats, other facilities will include a large bais medrash, mikvah, library, classrooms, and youth facilities.

The synagogue will also have the largest permanent kosher catering facilities in Canada, says Cherniak.

The main social hall will hold as many as 1,200 guests if there is no dancing, and 900 if there is. The actual figure depends on the amount of space left between tables. The hall will also be able to be subdivided into smaller sections to accommodate smaller events.

As a lecture or meeting hall, it will hold between 2,500 and 3,000.

The banquet hall on the lower level will hold between 250 and 300 and will be able to be divided in two.

Weddings in main sanctuary

Weddings will be held in the main sanctuary, an outdoor wedding garden and an indoor chuppah lobby, with a movable skylight.

"Beth Avraham Yoseph is a synagogue which prides itself as a family synagogue emphasizing the warmth of Torah tradition. Without compromising its Orthodoxy, it has created an atmosphere in which all can feel comfortable," Miskin says.

The synagogue, led by Rabbi Baruch Taub since 1981, has attracted members of the community from widely divergent backgrounds — observant and non-observant, he says.

"The synagogue has tried to bring people closer to traditional Judaism, not by preaching, but rather by example — by showing that Orthodoxy is not only a very desirable way of living, but is also in perfect harmony with the modern world."

That philosophy is reflected in shul programming.

Adult education classes range from daily Talmud shiurim (daf yomi) to basic reading, and includes regular couples' shiurim, lecture series, Ongei Shabbat, and special classes for men and women.

Also part of the synagogue's social/educational offerings are: an active sisterhood; youth cultural and sporting activities and minyanim; supervised nursery during services and a bat mitzvah program.

Though the BAYT congregation (of some 300 families) will have to wait a little longer to use its new building, the synagogue is already accepting bookings for its wedding and banquet facilities.

For more information about Beth Avraham Yoseph, call Rabbi Taub at (416) 886-3810, or Joel Miskin (416) 731-3424.

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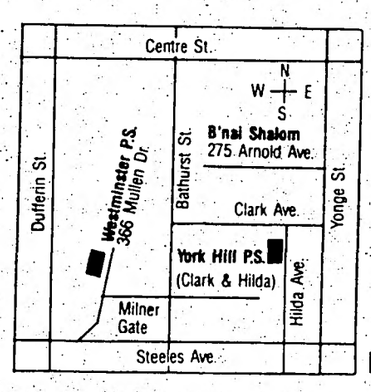

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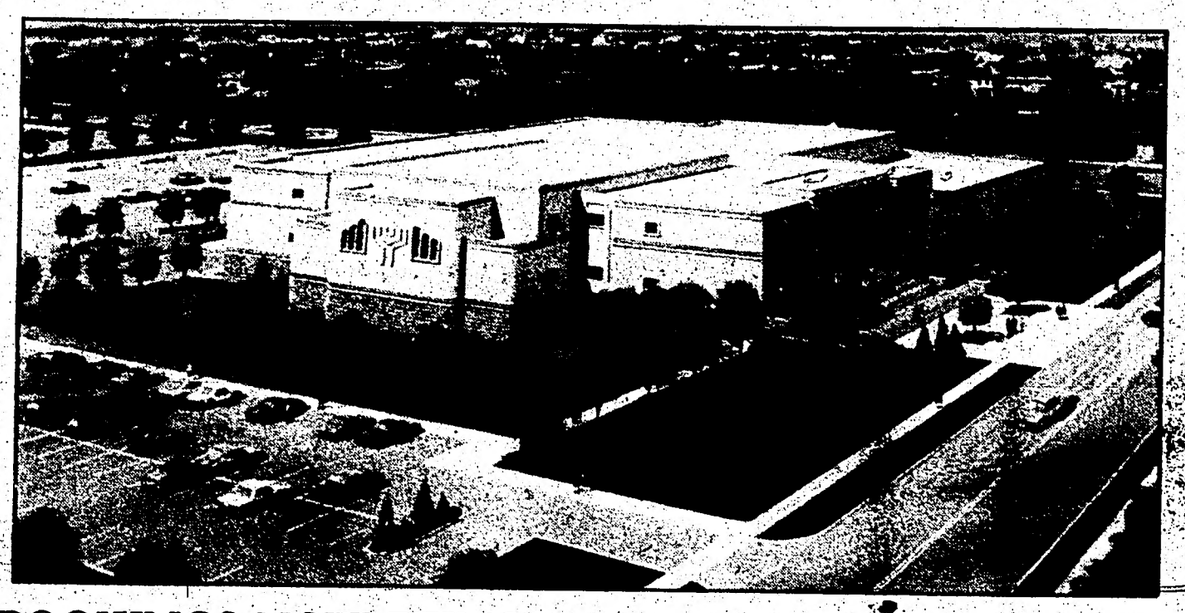

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North of Steeles

A place where families unite in prayer

Community centre a focal point for Soviet Jews

By
WENDY ROSEN

More than one-fifth of Toronto's close knit Soviet Jewish population resides north of Steeles Ave.

And the Jewish Russian Community Centre, currently located in the Chabad-Lubavitch Community Centre on Chabad Gate, is more than a place where families unite in prayer — it is a support centre for new Refuseniks and established older Soviet emigrants.

Metro's lone Russian rabbi, Yoseph Zaltzman, who has published a Russian newspaper since 1983 that now goes across Canada to 3,200 home, said that 95% of the Toronto area's 2,500 Soviet families — 500 to 700 live in Thornhill and Markham — belong to the centre, a facility which deals with "anything touching the life of a Jewish immigrant." This includes translation, referrals to various social service agencies and help apartment and/or job hunting.

However, the centre's main focus is on Jewish education.

"Teaching Jewish traditions and history is something that was denied in Russia and gives them a sense of unity with other Jews," he said. "They came with nothing in that field and we have to work to build it."

When the Russian shul on Rockford Road — two stoplights south of Steeles but within a 30-minute walk for 1,500 families — is completed later this summer, it will further unite the community, he said.

"Russians were always welcomed at other shuls but they always felt it wasn't theirs — that they were guests. This (the shul) gives them much more of a sense of belonging, being attached and involved with their own shul. They feel equal to other members of shuls."

'It's the nature of a human being to want something of his own."

One of the many programs offerred is a kollel for seniors on Mondays and Thursdays with free transportation. The program, which has an enrolment of 25 although the average daily attendance is 15, consists of morning prayers, breakfast and then Hebrew and Talmud studies.

Rabbi Zaltzman and Rabbi David Schochet, of the Lubavitch centre, teach the classes.

"When I teach, it's in Russian because it's easier for them to grasp the ideas in their mother tongue. Rabbi Schochet doesn't speak Russian so he teaches in Yiddish."

For young adults, on Sunday morning there is a Talmud class followed by one on Jewish chassidic philosophy which has an enrolment of 50.

Zaltzman said the Russian community is becoming more observant. He has made about 87 mezzuzah house calls — some people put a mezzuzah on the front door only while others put one on every door" — since the first of the year and about 300 last year.

So far this year, seven homes have utilized the centre's kitchen koshering program.

"If there are seven that have gone strictly kosher, how many who associate with those families are close to making the same decision," he asked.

There is also the Russian, Hebrew, English and Yiddish Library, which was established several years ago. The library has more than 400 Russian books — Bibles, Torahs and Talmuds — that people could never see in the Soviet Union as well as some Russian tapes.

Licenced day care centres flourish in thriving region

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

A number of new licenced day care centres have opened here in an effort to keep up with the area's burgeoning population.

There are, of course, many informal, unregulated day care arrangements. As well, a good proportion of families depend on live-in caregivers.

Loving Care Centre, which will be moving from Clark Ave. to specially designed quarters in the new Eitz Chaim building on York Hill Blvd., and B'nai Shalom Day Nursery, at 275 Arnold Ave., near the Promenade shopping mall, have been in existence for several years.

Both, according to spokespeople, provide an enriched educational, religious and creative environment, a nursery and pre-school program, kosher food, and good outdoor physical activity facilities.

Loving Care accepts children from 2-4 years of age, and is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. B'nai Shalom takes children from 2½-5, and operates from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A new addition to the scene, Yorkview Day Care Centre, opens, according to owner Polena Landa, early August on Coulter's Mill Gate, off New Westminster. It has a capacity of 65 children from 4 months to school age. Hours will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Landa said she is making a special effort to serve the individual needs of her clientele, offering morning or afternoon pre-school programs, half-day care for children attending pre-school at local schools, and a before and after school program for children 7-10 years of age, whose parents either leave home long before school starts, or return after it ends. For a slight extra fee, Landa will even provide supper for these children if the parent is detained after regular closing time.

All these options are in addition to the regular day care program.

Rabbi David Cooper told The CJN that he has finally received permission to open his day care on north Yonge St., and is trying to arrange facilities large enough and convenient enough to carry out his plans.

Some day care is also offered through the Region of York, and the various municipalities within the region. One of the biggest of these is at the Garnet Williams Community Centre in the Town of Vaughan, on Clark just east of Bathurst St.

Region gets grants

Three York Region municipalities recently received over $50,000 in grants from York North MPP Greg Sorbara on behalf of Tourism and Recreation Minister John Eakins, under the ministry of tourism and recreation's capital conservation program.

The grants include $7,753 to the Township of King for renovations to the Schomberg Arena and $11,667 to the Town of Newmarket for repairs to the roof of the Newmarket Memorial Community Centre.

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Program set for Down's Syndrome children

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

Physically and mentally handicapped children should not be deprived of a Jewish education, says social worker Allen Friedman. His Down's Syndrome child inspired a new program here — and perhaps a new day school.

"Many have the potential, within the limits of their individual abilities, to become Jewishly identified, and to assume some role in the Jewish society", Friedman told The CJN in a recent interview at his Jewish Family & Child Service office.

Concerned that his son would not receive any Jewish education, he, his wife Bernice, and several other families, in conjunction with Lee Or, a self-help group for parents of special needs children, organized a Sunday morning program. It has been meeting for the past year at the Eitz Chaim Schools branch at Spring Farm.

What happened there Friedman describes as "beautiful". The children learned Hebrew vocabulary and songs and customs, while "having the opportunity to be with other kids like themselves."

With their children reaching school age, however, Friedman and several other families involved felt that more was needed: a day school.

He envisions such a school as not just for trainable retarded, but for those with neurological handicaps, such as cerebral palsy, and for the physically disabled as well.

The intention is to have five or six children in a class, with a qualified special education teacher and an assistant. Volunteers, he hopes, would assist when necessary.

Friedman would like his classes to be located in an existing day school, so that there would be some integration with ordinary children at times like lunch, recess, and at activities like music appreciation.

The special needs children would not be the only ones to benefit from an association with an ordinary school environment, said Friedman. "Just look at what they have to offer the normal, healthy child; the opportunity to reinforce the Jewish values of kindness, and responsibility and respect for the less fortunate."

The curriculum would not stress religious observance; rather, it would concentrate on Hebrew language, customs, and holidays, as well as a regular educational program.

Psychological services, both for the child and his or her family, a summer day camp, respite care and provision of social snd recreational activities are all seen as part of what the school should and would offer.

A recent meeting with Rabbis Irwin Witty, Board of Jewish Education director, and Joseph Kelman, spiritual leader of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation, who are experienced in dealing with the retarded through their work with Kadima school and the Reena Foundation, was very positive, Friedman says. With their support and that of the Lee Or organization, plans for the establishment of the day school are underway.

These children used to be hidden away in institutions, he says. Jewish Family & Child Service, following the trend of most social service agencies, now tries to keep them with their families whenever possible. A day school environment would enable them to "participate in what is important to their families, taking part in religious ceremonies, going to shul, and interacting with the Jewish community."

Friedman, who stresses that this project is not connected in any way with his work at JF & CS, is anxious to hear from those who are interested in the day school. He can be reached at his office at 638-7800.

Variety of synagogues cater to every religious group

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of lively Purim, Succoth and Chanukah celebrations led by spiritual leader Rabbi Baruch Taub. Special Shabbat services, Sunday activity groups and B'nai Akiva, Pirchie & Bnas (Orthodox youth groups) are provided for children.

Chabad Lubavitch ranks as one of the pioneers of the Bathurst corridor community. Originally housed in a garage, then in a trailer, it now is in its permanent home — the Chabad-Lubavitch Community Centre — on Chabad Gate. Besides regular daily, Shabbat and holiday services, many community events take place here. It is also the site of the only mikvah (ritual bath) in York Region.

Chabad also has a satellite centre in Markham. Rabbi Abraham Plotkin holds Friday night, Shabbat and holiday services. Special events are planned for Chanukah and Purim.

For several years, the Rambam Sephardic Congregation has met in the Chabad-Lubavitch Community Centre. President Albert Edery says the Friday night, Shabbat and holiday services follow the unique Sephardic customs and traditions.

B'nai Shalom Congregation, under the leadership of Rabbi Solomon Domb, offers traditional davening, with optional mixed or separate seating. Emphasis is placed on congregational participation in every aspect of the service.

Although there is not a daily service, Domb will arrange a minyan for special times such as yahrzeit. Adult education is a major focus of the 100-member congregation.

High Holiday services will be held at the York Hill Public School on Hilda, just south of Clark.

One rather interesting venture in the area is Am Echad Congregation. Literally a "synagogue without walls" as its spiritual leader Rabbi David Cooper calls it, services are held on the High Holidays, this year at the Promenade Cineplex, Markham Theatre and Northview Heights Secondary School.

Various adult education classes, a Jewish-Christian dialogue group and holiday programs such as a sukkah-building party are held from Cooper's home on Dundern Cres. in the Bathurst-Centre St. area.

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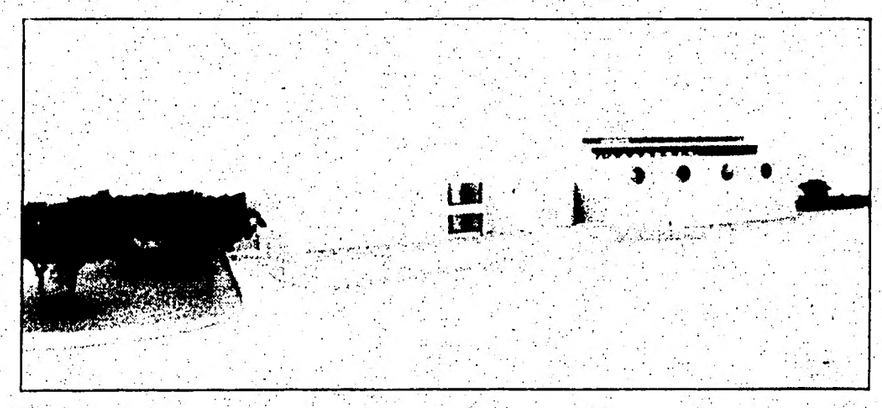

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North of Steeles

Kosher pizza store busy

Spring Farm Marketplace now in full operation

After years of planning, Spring Farm Marketplace, at the corner of Clark and Hilda, is in full operation with Food City as its main anchor.

Jim Dores, manager of the 44,200-square foot store, said that the supermarket has done better than anticipated since it opened its doors to the public in February. He attributes this to the fact that he "listens to what customers want" and makes every effort to give it to them. This is done through the store's suggestion box which he checks daily.

"The public likes doing all their shopping under one roof," said Dores. "They also like the store's variety of goods, appearance and cleanliness."

For those having trouble finding a certain product, the store's computerized information booth has a product locator, as well as a file on kosher and non-kosher recipes, weekly store specials and a community calendar.

Dores said that the 5,000-square foot kosher department has done better than expected.

"We underestimated the number of people who would want kosher meat," he said. "We're now increasing the variety of kosher products and we're now making kosher pizzas on the premises."

Food City isn't the only place to get hot kosher pizza at Spring Farm Marketplace. Uzi Atia, owner of My Zaidy's Pizza, said he is always busy after 4 p.m. as customers come in to pick up pizza and falafel made with kosher mozzarella cheese and tomato sauce from New York.

Atia, who also owns My Zaidy's Bagel at 3456 Bathurst St., said he decided to start the new business after his customers "complained" there was no good kosher pizza outlets in Toronto. He said the new business is in a good area and he attracts a lot of young people.

Spring Farm Marketplace also boasts a Baskin Robbins outlet which has kosher products and, coming in August, a new Israel's Judaica Centre will be opening up. The marketplace also has a Super-X Drugs, movie rental outlet, convenience store, shoe repair, TD Bank, Sebastians Hair and Skin Care and The Gatherings Restaurant.

Uzi Atia, owner of My Zaidy's Pizza, prepares his pizzas with kosher mozzarella cheese and tomato sauce from New York. [Jeff Rosen photo]

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Book store in Spring Farm plaza

Israel's moves northward

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

What more could be missing here, after a branch of Israel's Book Store opens this month in the Spring Farm Plaza at Hilda and Clark?

Owner Izzie Kaplan, and Gita Rotenberg, book buyer and manager of the Eglinton Ave. main store, plan to tailor the store to the specific needs of the community, they told The CJN. There will be a large selection of books of religious scholarship, including the Lubavitch presses, material on creating and enhancing a Jewish home and raising children Jewishly, works of fiction, and records and tapes.

The children's department will be a major focus of the store, with a large selection of books, toys, games, records and tapes.

There are even Yiddish books for children, which Kaplan says will complement the Yiddish programs now offered at Bialik and Associated Hebrew Day Schools.

We are particularly excited about a series of "book cassettes for children," said Kaplan. These include a tape of Hebrew songs and an accompanying book with the words transliterated and explanations in English.

Like Israel's other branches, giftware and artwork is highlighted. "We stay away from general giftware and specialize in ceremonial objects, like chanukiot (Chanukah menorahs), kiddush cups and ketubot (marriage contracts), as well as fine Israeli pottery.

"Most of the people in Thornhill are furnishing new homes", says Kaplan, "and I plan to cover the walls with paintings and lithographs for them."

He will feature lithographs by 2 new artists, Shalom of Safed, and Mordechai Rosenstein, neither of whom have been shown in Canada before. As well, Kaplan would like to encourage beginning artists to approach him with an eye to displaying their work in the new store.

Rotenberg is especially interested in talking books for the blind, which, while available for some time in the secular world, have just begun to appear in the field of Judaica. Included are excerpts from such authors as Isaac Bashevis Singer and Elie Wiesel, and titles like The Diary of Anne Frank.

Videos will be available both for purchase and rent, and Kaplan intends to expand their stock of compact discs as well.

Israel's Book Store opened on Eglinton just west of Bathurst in 1982, and at Sunnybrook Plaza at Wilmington and Overbrook in 1984. (The Wilmington store will be replaced by the Thornhill one, and is now running a closing sale).

A warehouse at Finch and Dufferin, which opened in April, 1984, makes its easier to efficiently serve customers from across Canada, Kaplan says.

The Thornhill branch, which Kaplan expects "to become a community meeting place, which is the essential nature of the book stores," will have a formal opening in the early fall. "Maybe," Kaplan plans with a twinkle in his eye, "we will work out a doughnut coupon scheme with Food City kosher bakery!"

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Condo units at various stages of development

By JEFF ROSEN

The condos are coming, the condos are coming, the condos are... here.

Travel north of Metro and you'll find a number of condominium buildings in various stages of development.

At Clark and Hilda, construction on The Conservatory's first building is almost complete with occupancy set for October, while construction crews continue to work on the second 18-storey building.

When the first building opens with 160 suites it will be unique, says Harvey Kauffman, director of sales for Norman Hill Real Estate. This is because of its shape — low rise and semi-circular — which required a lot of land.

When the second building is completed next year, it will include 140 units ranging in size from 1,057 square feet to 2,800 square feet on 18 floors with prices from $152 to $198 per square foot. This building includes four floors of penthouses with unit sizes ranging from 1,791 to 2,709 square feet. Kauffman said one unit of 4,245 square feet has already been sold.

Overall, he said, 2/3 of the units in the second building have been sold.

Kauffman said the condos are attracting younger individuals, such as the "empty nester." He said that in the past 10 years the median age of condo owners has dropped from 65 to under 50 and people are making plans to change their lifestyle earlier in life.

The Conservatory includes such amenities as an indoor pool, whirlpool, spa, squash, racquetball, exercise room, lounge, party room and tennis courts. It has a 24-hour concierge, state-of-the-art cameras to provide for maximum security and alarm systems in suites.

Bayview Place, at the corner of Bayview and Highway 7, provides the same amenities, except that it includes an outdoor pool. At the moment, 80% of the building's 248 suites have been sold.

The 14-storey building offers a choice of nine floor plans as well as a ravine that is part of the site. Prices range from $175,000 to $225,000 and $300,000 for a penthouse suite. All suites have been named after popular Florida vacation resorts.

New Menkes project

Floor plans at Bayview Place range from 927 to 1,352 square feet. All have two bedrooms and seven of the nine suite plans have two bathrooms.

Over at Menkes' Promenade Towers, at the corner of Bathurst and Clark, construction is continuing on phase 2 and has begun on phase 3. Occupancy is slated for spring 1988 for the former and fall 1988 for the latter tower.

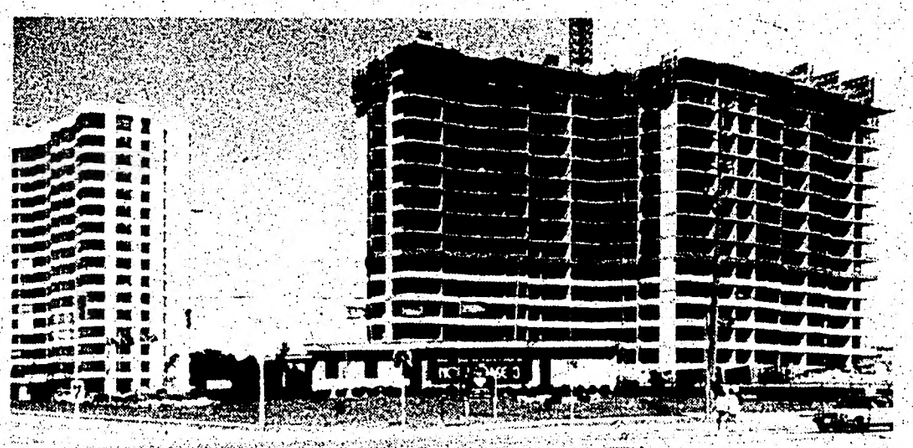
Its latest condominium endeavor is not north of Steeles, but close enough to worth mentioning.

The Primrose will consist of three towers just south of Steeles and west of Bathurst. Each 17-storey tower will have 213 units in 13 suite-types named after fragrant flowers.

All designs include sunshine ceilings in the kitchen, washer/dryer space, in-suite security alarm systems, ceramic tile in kitchens and bathrooms, custom designed kitchen cupboards, built-in dishwashers and individually controlled air conditioning and heating units. Most suites include sun dens with sliding patio doors and some have outdoor balconies.

Suite sizes range from 987 square feet to 1,400 square feet and prices range from $144,000 to $185,000. Architectural design will allow for six corner suites per floor.

The Primrose will include Club Primrose which will provide complete exercise facilities, swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, squash and tennis courts, hobby, party and video rooms.



The Promenade Towers, phase 1 (left) and phase 2 (right), is one of many developments by Menkes in the Steeles area. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Interior model suite of The Conservatory. [Jeff Rosen photo]

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Members of the National Council of Jewish Women, Zion Branch.

From left: Deborah Cooper, membership chairman, Corrie Gancman and Marilyn Perlman, membership vice-chairman, are part of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's newest chapter.

Service organizations expand northward

Young women start Hadassah-WIZO chapter

By
VIVIEN SHARON

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO formed its newest chapter this summer in Thornhill. The official launch took place at the home of Corrie Gancman of Thornhill.

"We are so excited about this group of young women because it was totally self-initiated. They wanted to form a chapter, they sought us out, and we responded," said Debbie Cooper, membership chairman.

"Our aim is to integrate as many women as possible into the organization, and to help them find their own compatible group. It is our responsibility to help each chapter define its own character, and find a comfortable balance of education, programing and fund raising. There is something for everyone in Toronto Hadassah-WIZO," Cooper said.

The new chapter, which has yet to select a name, is comprised of vibrant and dedicated young women in their mid- to late-20s, most of whom live in the Thornhill area. They are young professionals in such careers as law, dental hygiene, teaching and career counseling. Most are new brides, brides-to-be, or young mothers with their first babies.

"I wanted to join Toronto Hadassah-WIZO out of a need for socialization," said Corrie Gancman, 29, who hosted the first meeting and is the mother of an 8-month-old son. She, together with her sister, Debbie Bank, 27, and girl friend, Avra Goldhar, 27, were instrumental in establishing the chapter.

Several of the women are former Montreal natives, who recently moved to Toronto and needed an outlet to meet new friends.

"I was always interested in doing volunteer work and showing my commitment for Israel. Now the timing is right," said one new member.

Taube Zeifman, newly installed president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, who addressed the new chapter, said that she was "thrilled" by their determination.

"I am overwhelmed. It is a marvellous sign that young Jewish women want to stand up and be counted. It's not important why you join," said Zeifman. "The rest takes care of itself."

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO is the largest Jewish women's group in the city with more than 4,000 members in 67 chapters.

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As the Jewish population has shifted north, the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, has moved with it. At the moment, 16 out of its 37 branches are situated north of Steeles, and more are in formation all the time. The groups are organized by age and have memberships between 15 to 30 women.

In addition to taking part in a wide range of stimulating study programs, each group is involved in participating in a service project such as bingo in the Bathurst-Prince Charles housing project, vision screening for amblyopia in the Jewish day schools or holding a reception for new Canadians at the citizenship courts.

Branches also participate in workshops, meetings and seminars held by the Toronto Section in its newly renovated premises on Bathurst St.

"We are keeping a close eye on York Region because of the huge population growth and lack of services," said Nita Goldband, president of NCJW, Toronto Section. "NCJW will be very involved in helping to fill the gaps. We are working on a number of innovative ideas which are felt will help ease the situation and continue a tradition of leading the way in areas of social change."

For further information call 633-5100.

Over at B'nai B'rith Women, the 3-year-old Markham-Unionville chapter continues to grow. From its initial 25 members, the chapter now boasts 40 women and many more have expressed an interest to join in September. They have also had inquiries from women living in Milliken and Stouville.

Group fills void

According to Penny Krowitz from BBW, while living in York Region offered country beauty near the city, historical ambiance and good schools, there was a void in the community which the chapter filled.

Meeting every other Wednesday, members share the company of other Jewish women and hear interesting speakers. Another opportunity to get together comes on Monday mornings when potential "Beat the Champ" contestants meet for bowling.

A number of the chapter's programs enable husbands and children to meet and socialize. The first Chanukah party was open to members and non-members and 145 people attended.

Fund raising for BBW Childrens Home and Group House is of great importance and, aside from special events throughout the year and bazaar, they hold an annual garage sale in September.

According to chapter community services chairman, Evelyn Sherkey,

"After living in Unionville for a short time, I realized a deep need for a Jewish community. It was apparent that the few Jewish families in the area were scattered about.

"We now have a chapter of loyal, hardworking women. I take great pride in our work, both for the Jewish community at large and for the needy of York Region."

B'nai B'rith Women offers women living north of Steeles several options. If you live in Richmond Hill, you are invited to join Leora Chapter.

For further information call 630-9313.

Pioneer Women Na'amat continues to expand north of Steeles. It has grown from five to seven chapters in the past year and is expected to form another two or three chapters this fall. The newest is Tzafon in Richmond Hill — Hebrew for North. It has 15 members in their late 20s and 30s.

Members from all chapters meet every other week and have programs geared to individual chapters.

Women from all Pioneer Women Na'amat chapters will journey south this fall when the organization holds its triennial convention at the Royal York Hotel Sept. 13-15. There they will be asked to share their goals and aspirations with other young women from across Canada.

For further information call 636-5425.

Over at Women's Canadian ORT, a new chapter named for ORT's 100th school in Israel, has been formed. Karmiel started six months ago and already has over 25 members. Coordinated by Susan Cohen and Sally Waldman, the chapter is aimed at professional women from 30 to 45 years. It has had programs dealing with AIDS, surrogate motherhood and Jewish-by-choice.

Shalom, ORT's other chapter north of Steeles, is now run by co-presidents Paul Shapiro and Marilyn Shama. It has sponsored a number of fund raising events in the past year and has held a Mother's Day gift show and sale.

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Retail businesses follow Jewish community

Reena Day to mark Promenade's 1st birthday

By
JEFF ROSEN

Years ago the expression "there's gold in them thar hills" meant the opportunity of increased wealth for adventurous prospectors. Today it might mean the same for owners of retail businesses who are following the Jewish community north of Steeles and setting up shop in new malls and shopping plazas.

At the largest of these it will soon be birthday time, as The Promenade celebrates its first year in business. It will kick off the celebration Aug. 26 with a Reena Day and will continue the rest of the week with back-to-school specials.

During Reena Day from 9.30 a.m. to midnight, mall merchants will donate a percentage of the day's receipts to the Reena Foundation to help it continue its work in the community.

"Get in on the fun and excitement at the Promenade," say co-chairmen Sharon Noss and Barbara Sugar.

There will be cooking demonstrations by TV chef Pasquale Carpino, visits by sports celebrities and VIPs, entertainment by After Hours and Blue Grass bands and Sue Johansen will talk in the early evening.

For kids, cartoon characters Snoopy, Totally Minnie and Strawberry Shortcake will be on hand, plus clowns, carnival games and magic shows by Huberinni and David Hart all day long. Polka Dot Door's Gairey Richardson and Polka Roo will make a visit.

To complement the events of the day, Reena will draw the winning ticket for a 1987 fire engine red Pontiac Firefly car. To cap it all off, at 8.30 p.m., Reena will present a gala auction chaired by Esther Michaels.

The shopping mall, located at Bathurst St. and Highway 7, includes 210 retail outlets on two levels and three major department stores, Eaton's, Sears and Brettons. The centre also has 48,000 square feet of office space.

Jointly owned by Cadillac Fairview and The Glen Group, The Promenade has an 85% fashion content with the upper level devoted to high fashion, while the lower level is oriented to gifts and food.

As well as four restaurants and a food court capable of seating 450, the shopping mall boasts a specialty food market in place of a supermarket. The food market is open during the malls's operating hours, as well as Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It has 10 tenants including Regina's, Nortown Meats and Mr. Bagel.

The Promenade also includes a 6-screen, 1,250-seat Cineplex Odeon theatre.

South of the Promenade, at the gateway to the northern development boom, vacant land on Steeles Ave., between Dufferin and Yonge, is rapidly beginning to disappear as shopping plazas spring up.

At Dufferin and Steeles one such plaza is already up with a few businesses in operation including Mother's Restaurant, Riviera North Florists and Sona Hi Fi. The Fish House is currently under construction in the plaza.

Although on the south side of Steeles, Steeles West Market, just west of Dufferin, has to be considered part of the retail business boom. It includes a farmer's market, nursery, flea market and snack bar.

Traveling east, cranes and work crews are busy at Bathurst and Steeles where the Main Exchange is scheduled to open its doors in October. When complete, it will feature a 50,000 square foot "upscale" Miracle Ultra-Mart plus an additional 50,000 square feet of retail space with room for 497 cars.

The biggest growth of shopping centres though is along Steeles between Bathurst and Yonge where three new plazas are being erected. The first to go up, at 404 Steeles Ave. W. includes Wolfie's Deli Restaurant and Frank Fat's Hamburgers, as well as Buy The Yard, Stereo Den, Judy's Lingerie Boutique, Lasting Impressions Fashions, Red Wing Shoes and Finesse, a store specializing in European chocolates and candies.

Next to it a second plaza is rapidly filling up. It already includes Gan Tamar Kosher Bakery, Sababa Restaurant, which specializes in Mideastern cuisine and Ginsberg and Wong. The latter features deli and Chinese food and is the restaurant's second outlet — the first being in Village on the Grange on McCaul St.

The third and newest plaza is an extension to the Toys R Us plaza beside Steeles College Memorial Chapel. It has 30,000 square feet of retail space for lease. Its occupants include Pier 1 Imports, Steeles Camera, Marathon Video, boutique elle, Salon Piaff, O'Tooles Restaurant and Picadilly Jewellers.

A number of new shopping centres are springing up along Steeles Ave. between Dufferin and Yonge. [Jeff Rosen photo]

No plans for extra trains, says GO Transit official

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Despite the large number of people living north of Steeles and commuting by train to the city, GO Transit has lots of capacity on its trains and buses, says a company spokesman.

"We've encountered no real problems and so there are no concrete plans at the moment to increase service," says Tom Henry, manager, information services.

Henry says a technical report has been prepared for the ministry of transportation and communications as to what could be done to improve the Richmond Hill route if the need arises, "but at the moment things are rolling along fairly smoothly."

GO now runs three trains a day up and back through Langstaff-Richmond Hill and one train up and back through Unionville, Milliken Mills, Markham and Stouffville. Five stations serve these communities.

Henry says that GO buses are quite flexible and service does increase when it is needed. "Service has increased a bit in the last year because of all the development going on in the area."

Henry admits that the Milliken station has no parking spaces for commuters and the Unionville station has spots for only about 30-35 cars. "We have had consultants studying this matter and realize that drastic measures will have to be taken to improve the situation. Again, though, we have no concrete plans."

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Social services, schools, roads needed

Development means growing pain

By BRUCE PARKINSON

TORONTO — Municipalities on Metro's northern edge continue their frenzied rate of expansion, but as with all youngsters, the growing brings its share of pain.

As the population of Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill skyrockets, the shortage of social services, schools and roads becomes more acute.

"A lot of people in Markham feel very strongly that if possible we should be slowing down a bit," says Margaret Buchinger, planner with the Town of Markham.

The rapid growth has resulted in calls for help by local politicians to the province for money to build services to deal with the influx.

Richmond Hill has sponsored a region-wide resolution asking for $900 million in provincial support, a request that Markham Mayor Lorna Jackson has called "well justified."

In the five years between 1981 and 1986 the Town of Vaughan, which includes the communities of Thornhill, Woodbridge, Concord, Maple and Kleinburg, was by far Canada's fastest growing municipality with a population in excess of 25,000.

The growth rate of 119.2% from 29,674 in 81 to 65,460 in 86 was well ahead of the competition.

Markham was the 3rd fastest growing community in the country with a 48.8% increase bringing its population to 114,597, and Richmond Hill was 10th with a 23.8% jump to 46,765.

Richmond Hill's deputy planning commissioner Jim Kirk says the expanding population is a "fairly heady issue" in York Region, especially the shortage of roads and the overcrowding of schools that results in many children being bused or crammed into portables.

But the consensus among planners and politicians seems to be that when the services catch up to the population, the mix of industrial, residential and commercial facilities will be healthy and solid.

"We seem to be attracting a high performance, prestigious type of industrial and commercial development," says Kirk.

Buchinger agrees, saying Markham, "while filling up rapidly," is bringing in "very high quality industry," and "a good mix of residential densities."

Buchinger says that assuming the growth rate declines slightly, Markham "might have enough industrial land for 10 years."

Current residential growth in Markham is centred in the area east of Kennedy Rd. as far as the the natural boundary of the Rouge River, while industrial expansion focuses on either side of Woodbine, north of Hwy. 7.

Growth in Richmond Hill is mainly in the north end of town, Kirk says, with all types of residential development from single-family to high-rise.

New areas are opening up in the Lake Wilcox and Oak Ridges areas, and development continues in Elgin East and West and Doncrest, Bayview Hill and Beaver Creek.

"There is a fairly good mix of warehouse use, light assembly and head office type locations going in," Kirk said.

Wang, Rosenthal China, and Famous Players Theatres are among the companies now calling Richmond Hill home.

Vaughan's growth, spurred by its proximity to Yonge St., as well as low taxes, continues with developments such as the Springfarm Mall and subdivision and development built around the Promenade Mall at Bathurst and Hwy. 7.

The new Vaughan Recreation Centre and Library is one of many new services being built for residents living north of Steeles Ave. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Markham to hold public meeting

Zoning changes proposed

By BEN ROSE

The Town of Markham is dedicated to maintaining a strong rural flavor, its planning director says.

To this end, T.M. Januszewski says amendments are being proposed to the rural area zoning bylaw which, if approved, would ban churches and synagogues in rural areas. The proposed amendments call for a ban as well on various commercial enterprises.

Under the proposal, the urban area would be bounded on the north by 16th Ave., on the east by the 9th concession line, on the south by Steeles Ave. and on the west by Yonge St. from Steeles to No. 7 highway and along Highway 404 north from No. 7. Even within these boundaries, there are pockets of land to be designated rural if the amendments are approved.

A public meeting is to be held Monday, Aug. 31 in the council chambers at 7.30 p.m. at which time the changes will be discussed.

Any places of worship now existing in Markham will not be affected, Januszewski says.

The two synagogues in Markham, Temple Emanu-El and Shaar Shalom are both within the urban boundaries.

Places of worship could cause traffic problems for rural areas, the planning director says.

"The amendments are for the purpose of avoiding the problems generated by a lot of traffic for churches or synagogues if they are built in the middle of fields," he said.

"Tractors on the roads are also a factor."

Though the land in Markham is split about 50-50 between urban and rural, the population is overwhelmingly urban — 120,000 urban to 10,000 rural.

The amendments will go before town council after the Aug. 31 meeting, and if passed by council, will still be open to objections for 35 days. Also, they will be subject to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board, a process which Januszewski says could take six months.

Tim Lamb, a Markham town planner, said his department will be asking council for permission to change some rural designated land near Highway 404 to urban to allow more housing and industry.

He said studies have shown that rural areas in Markham do not need any more places of worship. In urban areas, the town requires developers to set aside land for churches and synagogues. An inter-faith group meets regularly to allot these lands, Lamb says.

"The philosophy of the official plan is to preserve the land base needed by farmers," he said.

Among other changes proposed for the rural zone are the banning of hotels, motels and places of entertainment, automobile, boat and trailer sales, and open storage of new materials in the side or rear yard. Medical clinics will not be allowed in the designated zone.

While existing cemeteries, veterinary establishments and schools in York Region School Boards will be permitted to continue, no new ones will be allowed.

$1 B centre planned

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

If all the plans are approved, the biggest piece of undeveloped real estate in the Metro region will become the site of a $1 billion development plan.

Called the Richmond Hill Centre, the proposed development is to be located on the Langstaff Jail Farmlands, a 540-acre parcel of land bounded by Yonge St., Highway 7, 16th Ave. and Bayview Ave.

Jim Kirk, a deputy planning commissioner for the Town of Richmond Hill, says that plans for the development have been adopted by Richmond Hill town council but the council is awaiting final approval of the ministry of municipal affairs. "I really can't say exactly how long that will take," he says.

When approval does come however, the centre will be well worth its wait.

The plans call for a convention centre, 600-room hotel, a recreation complex, a shopping centre, a blue chip industrial park and high and low density housing for up to 12,000 people.

The housing is to include 24 apartment towers from 10 to 24 storeys on Yonge St. and single family homes ranging from town-houses to detached homes.

As well, plans include a 300,000-square foot shopping mall on Bayview and four office towers.

Kirk says the project could support full time jobs for more than 13,000 people.

He says that if possible, the buildings that housed prisoners who worked on the former jail farm will be retained as the recreation centre.

New hospital approved

The Ontario ministry of health recently approved contracts totalling $44.4 million for the construction of the new Markham-Stouffville Hospital.

The successful bidder is Ellis-Don Construction Ltd. of Toronto. Construction is expected to be completed by fall 1989.

The ministry of health will provide a capital grant of $32.5 million towards the total cost of the project and the hospital board will meet the difference through commuity fund raising.

"The new hospital will meet the health care needs of the Markham-Whitchurch-Stouffville area, which has seen tremendous growth in recent years," said Greg Sorbara, MPP for York North, in announcing the contracts on behalf of Health Minister Murray Elston.

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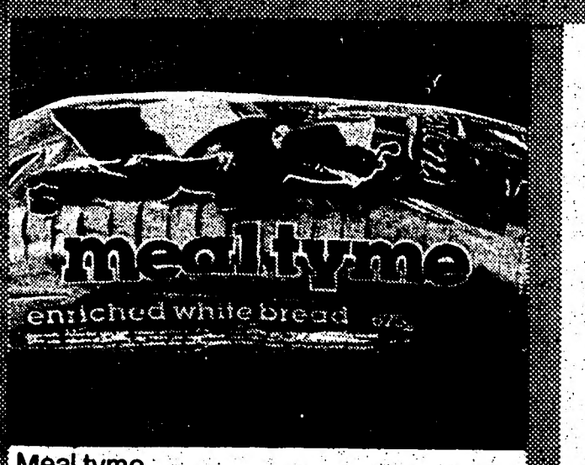

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Arts

One man's pastrami, another man's ptomaine

Production's nudity doesn't turn on this writer

By
FRANK RASKY

Heath Lamberts, as a second-rate director of a second-rate sex farce, and Tanya D'Ange, as a birdbrained blonde bimbo, co-star in Noises Off at Stage West.

Dana Andersen and Audrey Webb are funny in Second City's most amusing skit about a couple forced to read a book after they've lost their TV set.

TORONTO —

There are certain theatrical productions that are known in the business as shows for specialized audiences.

Three of them are currently playing in Toronto and doing very good business, indeed. All three are thriving so nicely that they are scheduled for open-end, long-run engagements.

From my review of the trio below, it should be apparent that I am not part of their specialized audience. I wasn't crazy about any of them.

Yet, on the theory that one man's pastrami is another man's ptomaine, I've tried to be as objective as I can.

Let's begin with the show that I found most distasteful and go on from there to the pair that gave me less of a bellyache.

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I've been trying to avoid seeing *Let My People Come* ever since it opened locally six years ago at Basin Street. I resisted, not because I'm a prude offended by frontal nudity, for I still retain fond memories of the exuberant hippie *Hair* show of the 1960s.

Rather, my aesthetic sensibilities were put off by the ads billing it as an all-nude musical revue that was "good clean, dirty fun."

I finally relented because I got a phone call from its producer, Philip Roger Roy, who calls himself "a nice Jewish boy from Philadelphia."

He pointed out that since the show originally opened 13 years ago at the Village Gate Cabaret Off Broadway, with lyrics and music by Earl Wilson, Jr., it had enjoyed long-run engagements internationally from Paris to Madrid, and across Canada from Saskatoon to Victoria.

Why be so prejudiced against it without even seeing it, he asked, when it had been such a terrific hit around the world and was Toronto's longest-running musical ever?

He urged me to give the show a break, because it had been a crowd-pleaser since it had moved last April to its newest venue, the 200-seat New York Hotel Dinner Theatre at 1150 Queen St. W. near Dufferin (533-0046).

"Go see it already," he said, "and I promise it'll tickle your libido."

Well, my libido was *not* tickled.

It seemed to me that the show had only two virtues.

I liked one song number, *Dirty Words*, because it attacked the purse-lipped censors who try to supress the articulation of 4-letter scatalogical words, which are, after all, just verbal symbols.

And I liked the cast of seven performers, most of them from Philadelphia, who exhibit fair singing voices and fine bodies.

By and large, though, I found it a puerile, vulgar, display of sleaze that gives sex a bad name. From its opening number, *It's Time To Liberate Your Genitalia*, through to *Fellatio 101*, it was not so much ribald as bald of wit.

What offended me was not its skinny-dipping nudity, but its lack of imagination. There's nothing particularly glamorous about showing off penises and vaginas. Ultimately, it's as tedious as being a voyeur at a steambath.

One of the show's songs is titled *Whatever Turns You On*. Though I wasn't turned on, the audience present obviously was. My guess is that its brand of raunchy buttock-mammalian humor will appeal to the sexually frustrated who are turned on by hard porno films and bachelor stag shows.

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I saw Michael Frayn's *Noises Off* when the British comedy hit originally opened on Broadway in 1983, and it left me cold. It's the sort of frenetic, juvenile farce that I call British off-the-lavatory-wall humor.

In other words, it's an updated version of that tacky piece of schlock Broadway of the 1930s, *Getting Gerty's Garter*, with an English accent.

Consequently, I was reluctant to subject myself again to this lowbrow hokum when it was revived by Stage West, the relatively new, 435-seat dinner theatre at 5400 Dixie Rd. (238-0042).

What prompted me to go was its cast featuring some of Canada's most gifted farceurs, Heath Lamberts, Ian D. Clark and Dawn Greenhalgh. Besides, I rationalized, perhaps it was an off-night when I'd originally seen *Noises Off*, and maybe it had improved with age.

Alas, I'm sorry to have to report that the script defeated its talented cast, and, if anything, it's a fragrant hunk of old cheese that has grown mouldier and deteriorated over the years.

The plot presents a sex farce within a sex farce. It deals with a second-rate cast of actors on a second-rate tour of the English provinces attempting to stage a second-rate sex comedy titled *Nothing On*.

The players include the conventional caricatures that seem to inhabit all British farces. Among them are a birdbrained blonde bimbo, a cheery charlady who keeps forgetting to bring her master a plate of sardines, and a wife outraged by the sexual peccadiloes of her vagrant husband.

In addition, there's a baggy-pants comic who keeps dropping his pants, a lot of boudoir doors being slammed, and, of course, the inevitable noise of toilets being flushed.

It's recommended for that specialized audience fixated with anal humor.

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The audience for the satirical revues at the Second City Firehall, at 110 Lombard St. (863-1162), consists predominantly of young people in their 20s or 30s who get a kick out of vinegary lampoons of contemporary Canadian culture.

I don't pretend to be that young, but I have enjoyed quite a few bellylaughs when attending the last couple of Second City shows.

And so, as a fan expecting astringent comedy with a bite, I was disappointed by the current Second City revue called *Bob Has Seen The Wind*.

That title alone indicates how hard the current company is straining and how weak their material has become in the process. Presumably it's a takeoff of W. O. Mitchell's classic Canadian novel, *Who Has Seen The Wind?*

But it's patently a clinker of a gag that's too far-fetched. At the opening, after a few feeble blackout skits, one of the six improvisors-performers confesses lamely to the audience, "I don't know what the hell the title means."

The rest of the evening was just as unfunny as that.

The cast of six — the Goldie Hawn-like Deborah Theaker, the Dracula-eyed Dana Anderson, the nebbish Mark Wilson, the lumpish Mike Meyers, the flibbertigibbety Audrey Webb, and the stylish Ryan Stiles — are all consummate comics. But the sketches they've dreamed up this time falter badly.

They've repeated themselves by dredging up yet another rehash of a Toronto Sun reader in conflict with a TTC bus driver. They've huffed and puffed vainly trying to breathe life into a witless parody of *Anne Of Green Gables* and anemic satires of those two stale Canadian subjects — hockey and the RCMP.

Believe it or not, I got only one good laugh out of the entire evening. That single amusing sketch involved a couple miming, in the style of a silent film melodrama, their domestic agony after their TV set — their sole means of communication — has been removed from their home by a bill collector.

It's poignant and funny because it's based on reality — the source of all great comedy.

Apart from that skit, the rest of the revue is devoted to superficial flubdub and fluff. Let's hope the usually inventive Second City troupe won't let down their specialized audience this badly next time around. The current edition has as much punch in it as a zonked-out *Rocky XXXV*.

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By VIVIENNE MUHLING 422-2331

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Bau-Xi Gallery: Work by Roz Marshall to Aug. 22; Shona sculpture, opens Aug. 25. 340 Dundas St. W., 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: Work by Rockett, Zenith, Lowenthal and Wise. 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 304. 364-6181.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: Work by gallery artists. 14 Hazelton Ave., 961-0878.

First Impressions Gallery: Lithographs, serigraphs and etchings by international artists, to Sept. 10. 334 Dundas W., 591-8461.

Galerie Evan: Work by gallery artists, to Aug. 21. 150 Bloor St. W., Renaissance Plaza., 323-3713.

George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art: *Chinese Export Porcelain*, History of this porcelain discovered on shipwrecks off the Canadian coast; Ceramics and other artifacts from medieval collections in Canada; Permanent collection includes Pre-Columbian pottery, English delftware, Continental and English porcelain and Italian majolica. 111 Queen's Park, 593-9300.

Harbourfront Art Gallery: *The Power Plant*, From Sea to Shining Sea, about artist-run spaces and their effect on contemporary Canadian art, to Aug. 19. 231 Queen's Quay W., 973-4949. *The Photography Gallery*, documentary on South Africa. 235 Queen's Quay W., 869-8410.

John B. Aird Gallery: *Birds in Wood*, Wood carvings by Ontario craftsmen, to Aug. 29. Macdonald Block, 900 Bay St. at Wellesley., 965-4706.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: Hugh Mackenzie, prints; Joyce Falconer, assemblages, to Aug. 20. Hart House, University of Toronto, 978-2453.

Koffler Gallery: *Raku: Then And Now*, Ceramics by Christopher Thompson, Agnes Olive, Monique Ferron and Walter Dexter, to Aug. 20. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-1880.

Market Gallery: *Celebrities in Our City*, An exhibition of photographs and other material that tells the stories of the famous and their association with Toronto. 95 Front St. E., 392-7604.

McMichael Canadian Collection: *Rockwell Kent: The Newfoundland Work*, Works by the American artist on visit to Newfoundland in 1910 and 1914; complementing the exhibit is one showing Kent's influence on Lawren Harris, both open Aug. 30; *The Group of Seven: Masterpieces from Toronto Collections*, a show of major works drawn from private collections, to Aug. 23; *Raven's Work: Northwest Coast Indian Art*, to September, 1988. In Kleinburg, 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: Work by Martin Heinig, opens Aug. 22. 22 Hazleton Ave., 964-8197.

Nancy Poole's Studio: Lithographs by Marc Chagall, to Aug. 18. 16 Hazelton Ave., 964-9050.

Royal Ontario Museum: *The Art of Xu Beihong*, 60 brush paintings by the modern Chinese painter, opens Aug. 15; *Eye of the Beholder: Objects for Personal Adornment*, 570 objects from amulets to miniature portraits, to Aug. 30; *Colorful Delights: Emroideries from Islamic Lands*, 19th-century garments and textile pieces, to Aug. 23; *Buddhist and Hindu Stone Sculptures of South Asia*, 12 sculptures dating from the 2nd to the 10th century; *Caravans and Clipper Ships*, Examines ancient trade routes linking Asia and the West. 100 Queen's Park Cres., 586-5551/2/3.

Waddington & Shiell Galleries: Work by gallery artists, McLean, Oxlade, Saito, Steiner and Waltzer. 33 Hazleton Ave., 925-2461.

Yaneff Gallery: Antique French posters, to Aug. 29. 119 Isabella St., 924-6677.

York University Art Gallery: *Gu Wen Da*, Installation of contemporary Chinese artist, to Aug. 28. 4700 Keele St., Ross Bldg. N145, 736-5169.

Lithographs by Marc Chagall are on display at Nancy Poole's Studio until Aug. 18.

Harpist plucks prize

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Jennifer Swartz of Oshawa took second prize in the intermediate I division at the recent 9th National Competition of The American Harp Society.

The 8-day competition was held at the campus of Chatham College here.

Swartz is a student in the Associate Diploma Program at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, a release from the harp society announced.

She received a 1987 scholarship from the Toronto chapter of the society; and won first prize in the 1986 Royal Conservatory Concerto Competition.

A student of Judy Loman, Swartz became interested in the harp after attending the U.S. National Music Camp in Interlochen, Mich.

Filmmakers are sought

NORTH YORK — Amateur video and filmmakers are invited to submit their work for the North York Arts Council's second annual Film and Video Festival in the City of North York.

The festival is juried with cash awards given to the best productions in the following categories: fiction, documentary, animation, music and experimental. A special award will be given to the production best reflecting the spirit of North York. Another special award will be given for the best production produced by a student under age 18.

Public screening of the award-winning films and videos will be held at the Ontario Science Centre on Nov. 17. And Channel 3 (CKVR in Barrie) will broadcast a selection of entries.

The contest is open to non-professionals working in Super 8 or 16mm film; and 3/4 inch or 1/2 inch Beta and VHS video.

Deadline is Oct. 5, and submissions were received last year from across the province. Applications are available from the NYAC office at 7 Edithvale Dr., North York, M2N 2R4. Or call (416) 225-4486.

Shlock rock creator coming to Toronto

TORONTO — New York entertainer Lennie Solomon, the "creator of shlock rock," makes his first musical appearance in Toronto Saturday, Sept. 12.

Solomon, 26, is being brought here for a concert at 9.30 p.m. at B'nai Torah Synagogue (465 Patricia Blvd.) by the National Conference of Synagogue Youth.

"Although this concert is open to everyone, this music will appeal especially to teenagers and young adults," says Rabbi Nosson Westreich, director of NCSY's greater Canada region.

He says Solomon, who has played for youth groups across the United States, takes rock music and changes the lyrics to add Jewish content and humor. Solomon also writes his own original, religious music.

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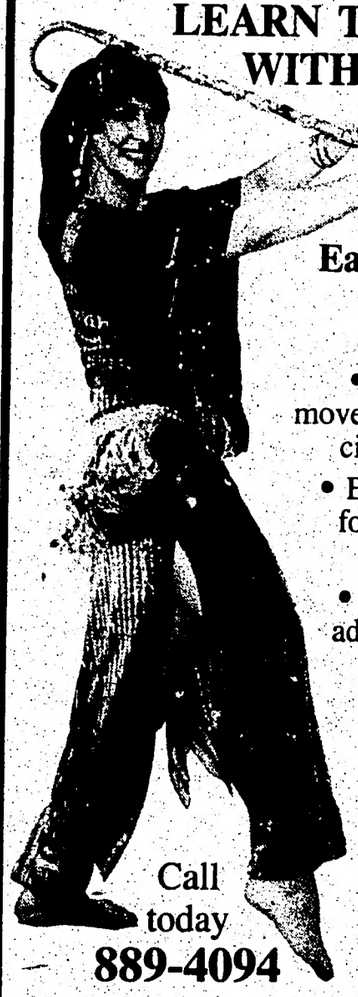

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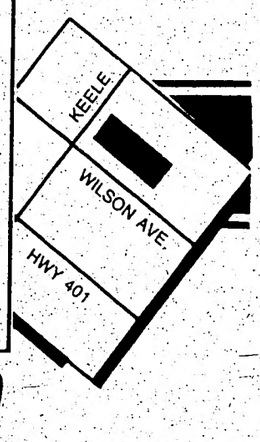

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Arts

Hamilton sculptor creates medallion

Moore memorial selected for exhibit

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — A medallion by Hamilton sculptor Ora Markstein in memory of the late British sculptor Henry Moore has been accepted for the American Numismatic Association's 1987 International Exhibition of the Federation Internationale de la Medaille in Colorado Springs in September.

This is the second time that a work by Markstein has been selected. In 1983 a large bronze bas relief entitled At The Gate Of Sheol was one of three Canadian works chosen by the American Medallic Sculpture Association, which was formed some years ago to revive the medal as a form of sculpture, for its first exhibition.

Markstein's medallion shows Moore in profile with hammer and chisel in his hands, poised to carve.

Markstein finds the bas relief an especially satisfying form of sculpture.

An exceptionally fine artist whose work has been seen in exhibition here and in Toronto and can be found in a number of corporate and private collections but deserves to be far more widely known, she works with equal pleasure in marble or alabaster, in wood and in bronze.

Ora Markstein with Henry Moore medallion. [Hamilton Spectator photo]

As well, a number of paintings hanging in her living room reveal her to be a painter of considerable talent.

But, said the artist in a recent interview in her home, where she has converted a downstairs room into a studio, "I have always loved to make reliefs.

"It is a very, very demanding form, which needs an awful lot of sensitivity."

She loves "the challenge of creating the illusion of a 3-dimensional sculpture of the low relief. That is where the art comes in," she explains.

"You don't really create a shape as you do in sculpture. But you create the illusion of shape by using certain angles. Slanted lines in different directions give the illusion of a 3-dimensional sculpture."

To be a good medalist you must first be a good craftsman, says Markstein. "And if you can't draw well, forget it," she adds.

Markstein recently created the Jim Tait Memorial Trophy for Queen's University, to be presented annually to the top athlete in the graduating class. She was one of the few sculptors to accept the challenge of submitting a design which Tait's widow requested should show two hands touching but not shaking hands.

Markstein won the commission and her design has been fashioned into a large permanent bronze trophy and a small plaque, which is kept by the student.

Plagued by a painful elbow, the physical demands of creating a bas relief are easier on Markstein than carving stone.

But as she points out, medals are mostly commission work. They lend themselves exceptionally well as trophies and plaques and are also "a relatively inexpensive, 3-dimensional portrait if you don't have the room, or the money, for a bust. There's never any problem hanging a relief on the wall."

Medals, she notes, "are a very permanent form of art. Many societies used it and we can still see it in ancient coins, for instance. But it went out of style." Now the American Sculpture Association is trying to popularize this art form again, adds Markstein, who studied at the Academy of Graphic Arts in Budapest.

A survivor of Auschwitz, she resumed her studies in Israel, where she lived until settling here with her husband Francis in the mid-70s.

Anyone interested in her work can contact Markstein at 416-529-5581.

Cookbooks to tempt most tastes

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Cookbooks bound to whet your appetite...

I never cease to be amazed by the cuisine of the Mediterranean — by such delicious concoctions as a Greek spinach and cheese pie, an Italian pizza, a Turkish stuffed green pepper, a Spanish cold tomato soup or an Egyptian bean puree.

And, when I'm in Israel, I always look forward to the array of fresh Middle Eastern salads for which hotel buffets there are justly famous.

These thoughts come to mind after a perusal of Claudia Roden's *Mediterranean Cookery (Harcourt Brace Jovanovitch, $29.95).*

Her handsomely illustrated book contains not only 250 recipes but a full-color guide to ingredients, a historical introduction to the gastronomy of the region, and advice on traditional techniques and utensils.

Born and raised in Egypt's formerly renowned Jewish community, Roden is a recognized authority on Middle East cookery. And judging by this first-class cookbook, I cannot but heartily agree with this assessment.

Readers who are hooked on Middle Eastern food and who don't eat meat will be pleased with Arto der Haroutunian's *Vegetarian Dishes from the Middle East (Methuen, $14.95).*

The writer, who runs a chain of Armenian restaurants in Britain, presents more than 300 recipes drawn from such countries as Israel, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey.

From Israel, there is prasifuci, a Sephardic omelette. From Egypt, ta'amia, spicy fried chickpea balls. From Lebanon, salata al-khadar, a mixed vegetable salad. From Syria, makaruni, macaroni in olive oil. From Turkey, imam baylidi, eggplants in oil.

Mexican food has its boosters, and *Savoring Mexico (Raincoast Books, $11.95)* may yet make a fan out of you.

Sharon Cadwallader, who has travelled throughout that rugged nation, introduces a neophyte to Mexican cuisine on a regional basis, and it's an effective method.

Her recipes are eminently easy to follow.

Lovers of soups and stews will really like *Soups & Stews (Franklin Watts, no price listed).* Part of a series by the California Culinary Institute, it will be appreciated by any kitchen hand, fresh or experienced.

Since the microwave is here to stay, Maryann Zepp's *The Microwave Cookbook and Primer (Raincoast Books, $26.95)* will prove useful to many a cook.

She answers the most frequently asked questions by microwave users, showers you with more than 250 recipes, and shows you how to organize a complete meal around a microwave.

In *Baking for Health (Raincoast Books, $11.95),* Linda Edwards says "no" to refined sugar, white flour, fats, dairy products, salt and chemicals and tells you how to live without them.

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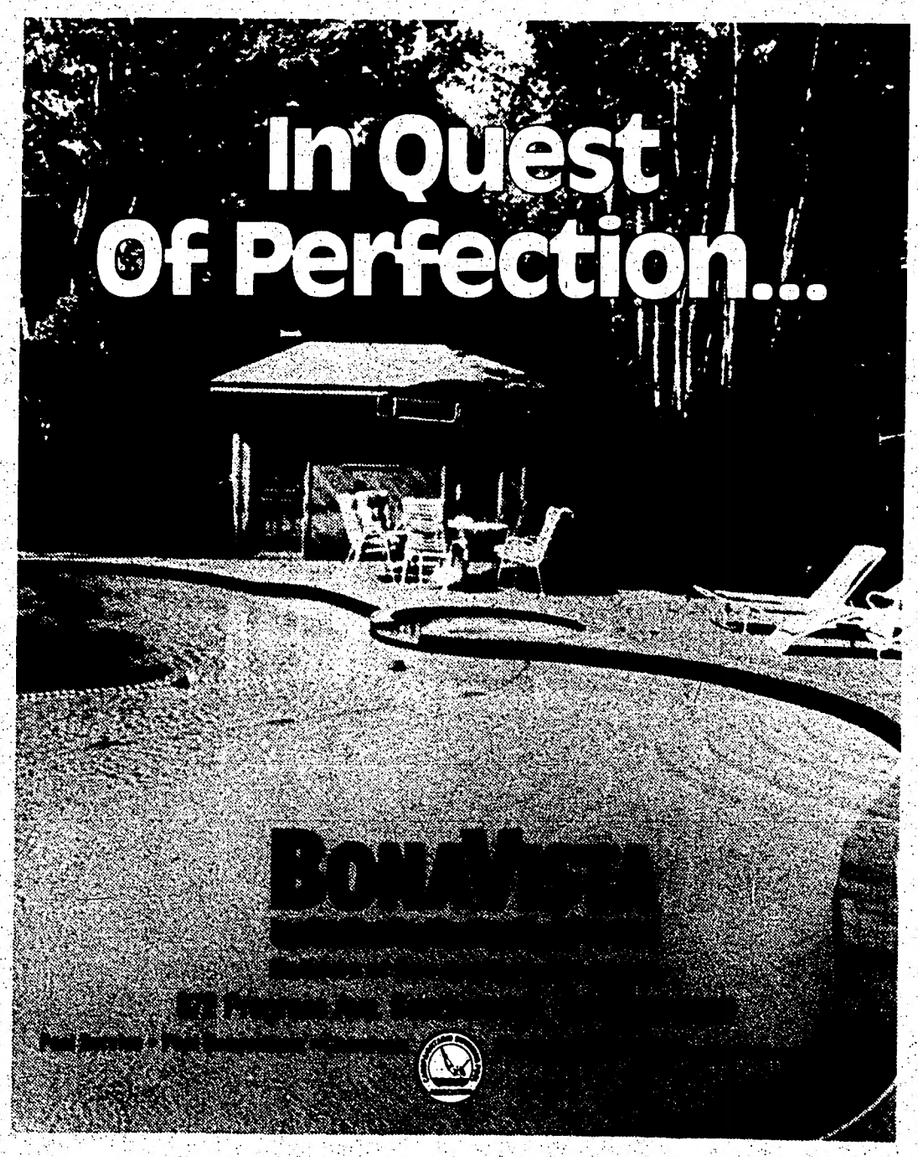

Shallow summer entertainment

Some film sequels work; Jaws the Revenge doesn't

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Jaws The Revenge, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is merely a pale imitation of the original.

Joseph Sargent's film is nothing but shallow summer entertainment. It is skin deep, without much suspense value, because you know what to look for in advance— a huge latex shark on the loose.

The beast in question is a Great White shark that resembles a submarine with teeth. It is vicious. It seeks revenge. It goes after the Brody family. This is a personal vendetta.

You better believe it, since the film's entire plot hinges on that implausible premise.

Jaws gets underway with a death in the water. Sean Brody, who has succeeded his father as deputy sheriff of the coastal resort town of Amity, takes a service boat into the channel to handle a routine complaint. A so-called log turns out to be the big bad shark.

Ellen Brody (Lorraine Gary), his mother, is devastated, not only because she has lost a son, but because she is convinced that the shark is after her family.

In the second sequel of *Jaws*, which was no better than the present one, Ellen Brody's husband hunted down the shark and seems to have destroyed it. And in the original version, directed by Steven Spielberg, human predators also went after the shark. But for all its hoky qualities, *Jaws I*, was at least suspenseful, and surprising.

Jaws the Revenge lacks much of that suspense or drive. In this case, mother Brody attempts, without success, to wear her second son, Michael (Lance Guest), a marine biologist, away from the water.

She has a terrible premonition that he will fall victim to a shark attack. Naturally, she is right.

Much of the action takes place in the warm waters of the Bahamas, where Great White sharks are not supposed to venture. Never mind that biological imperative. The script, which tends to be rather lame, calls for the Bahamas.

It also calls for a fleeting romance between Michael's mother and Hoagie (Michael Caine), a pilot who becomes embroiled in the quest to kill the shark.

The film unfolds with predictable monotony, and as a viewer leaves the theatre he asks himself if there is yet another *Jaws* in the works.

Let's hope not.

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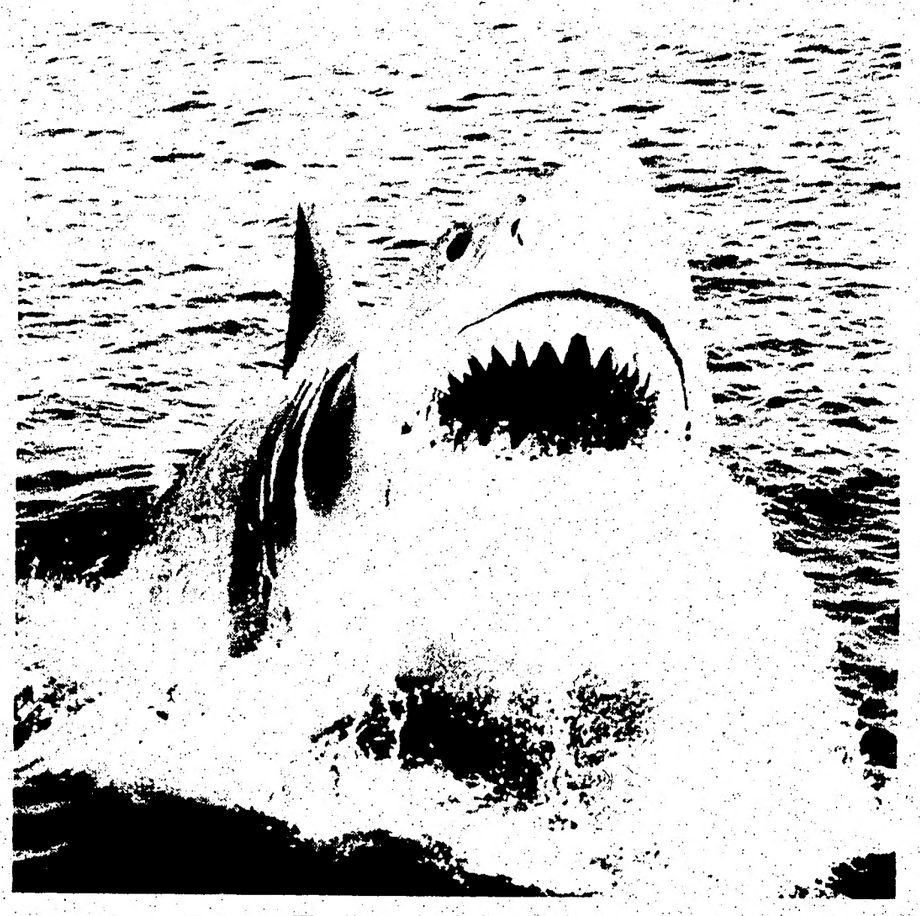
Steve Martin is an inventive comic, but his humor does strain the imagination at times.

Roxanne, his latest picture, has its moments of unbridled fun. But, for the most part, it is pretty pedestrian stuff.

Martin plays the role of a fire chief in a small mountain town whose sole handicap is his huge nose. The schnoz is something to behold, a wonder of nature.

Daryl Hannah, a perfectly formed specimen of womanhood, likes Martin, but only platonically. His nose, you see, puts her off. She's interested in his dumb assistant, a guy who can't put a simple eloquent sentence together.

How Martin and Hannah finally connect is what *Roxanne* is all about. The gags are cute, and Martin and Hannah perform as well as they can under the circumstances. But, when all is said and done, *Roxanne*, now at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is only a so-so film.



The latex shark is at it again.

Story of singer's life, death a riveting movie

TORONTO —

He was like a meteor flashing brilliantly across a darkened sky.

Burning brightly, the meteor disintegrated spectacularly, never to be seen again.

Such was the brief, startling career of Richard Valenzuela, the 1950s rock 'n' roll star otherwise known as Ritchie Valens.

Valens, in a period of only eight months, recorded three hit songs — Come On Let's Go, Donna and La Bamba. And he was just 17 when he was killed in an airplane crash that also claimed the lives of Buddy Holly and the Big Bopper.

In *La Bamba*, Luis Valdez recreates the last year of Valens' tragically short-lived life. It is an immaculate film that rivets and moves an audience.

Lou Diamond Phillips plays Valens with considerable sensitivity and intensity. With admirable panache, he captures Valens' single-minded determination to succeed as a rock star.

Valens, a Mexican-American, came from a California family of migrant farm workers. He loved music and he parlayed that passion into a national following exceeded only by a handful of superstars.

He was discovered by Bob Keene (Joe Pantoliano), an ambitious, small-time record company owner who had an unerring eye for talent. Within months of his discovery, Valens bore out his insight.

La Bamba, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is about Valens' personal struggle with his music, his tangled relationship with his half-brother Bob (Esai Morales), and his desultory romance with Donna (Danielle von Zernick), Valens' blond, blue-eyed, affluent classmate who inspired his first big song.

As portrayed by Valdez, who wrote and directed *La Bamba*, Valens was a nice, quiet boy with solid values. Bob, on the other hand, was wild and irresponsible, a delinquent with a prison record who resented his mother (Rosana De Sota), was jealous of Ritchie, and mistreated his girlfriend, Rosie (Elizabeth Pena), after she announced her pregnancy.

Apart from his music and his beloved mother, Ritchie cared for only Donna, whose staid, racist father cringed at the thought of his daughter dating a Chicano whom he mistook for an Italian.

La Bamba, which was shot in various locales in California, encapsulates that brewing racial and class conflict beautifully. More to the point, it is a searing portrayal of brothers in conflict and of the touching affection a son has for a devoted mother.

The musical score is tremendously good. Valens' classic hits are brought back by Los Lobos, and David Hidalgo provides the voice-over for Phillips, who is backed up by a fine cast.

In general, *La Bamba* rings true from start to finish. There is only one sequence that strikes a viewer as contrived, but it does not deflect a viewer's pleasure. Simply put, this is a film that rises to the occasion.

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Arts

Books for all interests

The latest to capture young minds, imaginations

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The latest books for kids of all ages...

Oxford University Press' Young Geographer Investigates series is a worthy addition to any library.

The series gives a young reader practical information on physical geography. Each book, which retails for $12.50, is beautifully illustrated.

Terry Jennings, the author, has produced books on mountains, deserts, rivers, polar regions, temperate forests and tropical forests.

Kids in grade school and junior high school will find them most useful.

A book of related interest, *The New Children's Atlas (Collins, $16.95), contains up-to-date maps showing physical features and the national flags of the world's nations.*

A very handy reference book.

The following will appeal to readers above the age of 10 or 11:

The Starling Summer (Three Trees Press, $5.95) is about a boy who begins to understand his confused feelings for his stepfather after caring for a lost bird. It's by Eileen Cade-Edwards.

Third Girl From The Left (Collier Macmillan, $19.50) tells the story of a plucky woman who overcomes adversity in the American West in the 19th century. Ann Turner evokes the spirit of the times quite well.

The Unmasking of 'Ksan (Collins, $14.95) is a fast-paced mystery set in British Columbia's interior. An Indian mask is stolen and a chase begins. Eric Wilson's tale crackles with excitement.

Shadow in Hawthorn Bay (Lester and Orpen Dennys, $14.95) is a story of adventure and self-discovery and love set in 19th century Upper Canada. Janet Lunn, the author, is an established, award-winning writer of children's stories.

Many Waters (Collins, $17.95) is a vivid fantasy by the inventive Madeleine L'Engle, while *Blaine's Way (Irwin, $9.95)* is about a young Canadian farm boy whose illusions are shattered after he enlists in the army and takes part in the disastrous World War II battle of Dieppe.

Foodworks (Kids Can Press, $9.95) is an eccentric volume tailor-made for 8 to 12-year olds. It comes from the Ontario Science Centre.

Everything a kid always wanted to know about food and how it is grown, processed and prepared is found here.

Books for younger readers:

A Treasury of Fairy Tales (Doubleday, $14.95), containing favorites like Tom Thumb, Jack and the Beanstalk and Hansel and Gretel, is edited by Michael Foss and is immaculately illustrated.

The Ten Tests of Abraham (The Judaic Press, no price listed) is billed as the first story of Abraham for children as young as 4 that is both entertaining and true to the traditional Jewish interpretation.

The Sparrow's Song (Penguin, $12.95) is a touching story of a little girl and the bird she cares for over a summer.

It is written and illustrated by Ian Wallace.

Beware When Elephants Sneeze and *Monkeys Never Say Please (C.R. Gibson, $6.95 each)* teach the younger set good manners and health tips through colorful rhymes and zany illustrations.

Little Elephant's Moon and *Ursula at the Zoo (Penguin, $5.95 each)* are, in a word, delightful. Children like situations with gentle animals and these books give it to them with a vengeance.

The Look Out! Book (Penguin, $9.95) is meant as much for parents as for children.

Containing common sense tips on street safety, brightened up by whimsical illustrations, this is one book no household should be without.

Chicken (Collier Macmillan, $20.95) is an uproarious story of a chicken who wants to fly and prove to the world that he is brave and courageous.

The Snowman Pop Up Book (Penguin, $13.95) is a marvel of paper engineering. Kids will love it. *Mrs. Simkin and the Very Big Mushroom (Penguin, $5.95)* shows you what a clever lady can do with mushrooms, while *The Roundabout Horse (Penguin, $5.95)* reminds you that inanimate objects can be very real to a sensitive child.

A Regular Rolling Noah (Collier Macmillan, $22.50) relates the adventures of an American farm family moving to Canada. Amusing. Stephen Gammell's illustrations are quite rustic.

King of the Castle (Penguin, $5.95) and *Dumpling (Penguin, $5.95)* are each endearing, having been written from the viewpoint that imagination is more important than mundane facts.

Three Trees Press of Toronto has just published several fine children's stories, each of which sells for $5.95.

High Wire Spider introduces kids to freewheeling verse. *Emily* is based on the life of painter Emily Carr. *Bowbo's Shade-Tree* is a light-hearted fable. *Ancient Ships* is a fascinating account of seafarers from the Vikings to the Phoenicians.

Preserving Jewish history is goal

Maritime museum thriving

By SHARON JONES

SAINT JOHN — The 1950s and 60s were the heyday of Saint John's Jewish community. Since then, their numbers have been drastically reduced.

To preserve their colorful history in the port city, the Jewish Historical Museum opened last year.

"Saint John's Jewish population has been rapidly diminishing," museum curator Marcia Koven told The Saint John's Citizen. "Many of the children go away to university and settle in new places. Often parents follow to be close to their children and grandchildren."

The museum is located in a historic building at 29 Wellington Row. Since 1950, it has also been home to the Jewish Community Centre.

"We've been collecting artifacts and memorabilia and when this building was refurbished and space became available, it seemed like the best place to have our museum," said Koven.

Upstairs in the building is the children's Hebrew school. Children aged 6 to 12 attend twice weekly classes, one afternoon through the week and again on Sunday.

Across the hall is the chapel where the worshippers meet year round on Friday night and Saturday.

"We haven't had a rabbi for four years," said Koven. "We do have a lay reader, Lou Michelson, who is assisted by other members of the community."

Downstairs is the museum. One room is devoted to past Jewish merchants of Saint John and the display changes regularly.

"Minutes of the meetings, pictures and other articles provide a record of the history of the Jewish business community in the city," said Koven. "Clothing stores, film makers, furniture and scrap metal dealers, hardware merchants, optometrists and tobacconists are represented."

A small anteroom has been set up to look like a men's clothing store of the 1940's. Suits hang on the walls, an old-fashioned cash register sits at the ready, and workpants that sold for 98 cents are displayed in glass cases.

"The original Jewish settlers in Saint John were cigar manufacturers," said Koven.

A smaller hallway is dedicated to immigrants who arrived in Saint John after 1900.

The pictorial tribute includes photographs of an orchestra from 1921, Girl Guides of 1925 and the 1927 city-wide championship basketball team.

The final room in the museum is the most impressive. Pictures of former synagogues in the city are framed and proudly displayed. Traditional toys, serving plates, candles and art work fill the room. Kiddush cups, menorahs and a copy of Queen Esther are some of the items on display. A prayer book with a silver cover that was carried by servicemen during wartime is also part of the collection.

The Jewish Historical Museum receives support from federal and provincial governments, the New Freeman, provincial archives and the New Brunswick Museum, among others.

The museum is open Monday to Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

Hebrew radio broadcaster

Hemda Zinder is dead at 71

JERUSALEM (JPES) — Hemda Zinder, the first Hebrew language announcer of the Palestine Broadcasting Service (PBS), died recently of cancer, shortly after her 71st birthday.

Born in Jerusalem, she completed her secondary education at the Rehavia Gymnasium and later studied art for a time at the Pratt School in New York.

Shortly after she returned home she was appointed the first Hebrew-language announcer when the PBS was established in 1936. She was also charged with organizing the Hebrew children's hour.

Hemda Feigenbaum, as she was then, was on her mother's side a member of the old-established Meyuhas family of Jerusalem. Her grandfather, Yosef Meyuhas, was a noted Hebrew scholar.

Her father Arye, an ophthalmologist from Lvov, had settled in Jerusalem just before World War I. He was one of the leading eye specialists in Israel and later became the first head of the Ophthalmology Department of the Hadassah Medical School.

In 1939, she married Zvi (Hazy) Zinder, a "Time/Life" correspondent who in later years was to become the director of Israel Radio. He was appointed press attache to Washington on the establishment of the state and they spent several years in the United States.

She is survived by her husband, two sons and six grandchildren.

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Kinderland takes the confusion out of kids' clothes

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By
LORI SMITH

Children and young teens have become one of the most fashion-forward segments of the population.

The clothing they want and have available to them, echo the current trends in adult fashion. The result is a confusing and extensive number of styles and colors to choose from.

Allan Singer, owner of Kinderland Emporium Ltd., which opened in October 1986 and is located in the Steeles Square Plaza, 180 Steeles Ave. W., says that his aim is to take some of the confusion out of dealing with a child's ever-evolving wardrobe.

High quality fashion

Kinderland offers a selection of garments from 25 lines manufactured in Italy, France, the United States and Canada. Together these collections, which include Esprit, Bambara, Saint Honore, London Fog, Absorba, Magic Kat, Round The Beat and the Carter's Bullfrog line, offer high quality fashion for infants, children and teens.

For fall and winter, Singer says the look is still funky.

This season there will be a lot of denims; fleece-lined denim garments; oversized shirts and sweaters; baggy pants and eclectic ensembles such as a set that includes leggings, mini-skirt and coordinating top and socks.

Singer says the store places special emphasis on clothing for boys—an area that is often neglected in the market. This fall the selection will feature a lot of mix and match pieces including pleated trousers, straight-legged pants and button-down collar shirts in a large range of colors.

Primary colors dominate the season but green, black, white and navy are also being shown. And patterns such as stripes, geometrics and Aztec prints are also in evidence.

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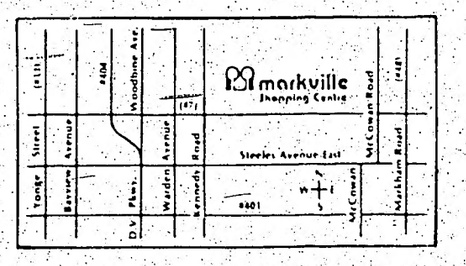

Fashion

Young designer shows versatility

Comfort the key for Armine

By
LORI SMITH

Comfort is the key element in the fashions created by young Toronto designer Armine.

She says that her personal fashion philosophy is centered on the idea that a woman must look good and feel comfortable in the clothes she wears.

"I don't think a woman should be conscious of what she has on. She should know that she looks good. The clothes shouldn't wear her, she should wear the clothes."

Armine, a graduate of the fashion program at Seneca College, has been producing her own line of knitwear and dresses for four years and retails them exclusively at her own stores in Yorkville and Queen's Quay.

Although she is known primarily for her knitwear, a part of the design business she says she fell into when she took the knit option at Seneca, she also does couture work and has added more woolen garments, silk blouses and wool crepe dresses into her collection for fall and winter.

This season's line consists of a range of tops, suits, skirts, pants and dresses in earthy colors such as brown, gray, black and khaki in addition to red and navy.

She says that the group's color story was inspired by her own affinity for autumn and the change of colors that marks the season.

Patterns featured in the line include a few argyles, styles with a little color in them and a bow motif which Armine has carried over from her spring and summer collection.

Silhouettes are comfortable and often unconstructed. Skirts in knitted and woven fabrics, are available in two lengths: a straight, short, 24 inch version and a longer, fuller, 32 inch style. Tops include turtlenecks, cardigans and a V-back design with three-quarter sleeves and a bow at the back. The collection features styles that can be worn tucked in and designs that can be worn loose.

Two different pant styles are also included in the line. The first is a full-legged, palazzo design and the second is a tapered knit pant.

A selection of wool crepe dresses feature fitted bodices and full skirts.

Armine says that versatility is important in clothing. The collection is designed so the pieces can be dressed up or down.

"And accessories are important. This season they are being kept to a minimum. It's not a lot of necklaces and bracelets like you used to see."

In eveningwear, she says that the emphasis is on cocktail dresses. Armine has created a number of full, elegant, off-the-shoulder looks in taffeta and satin. Many of them fall to just below the knee.

Due to the amount of custom work she does, Armine makes up just one sample of each of these dresses and clients select their own color and have the garment tailor-made.

Armine is located at 127 Davenport Rd. and in the Queen's Quay.

Eveningwear by designer Susan Ioi Zakura in Toronto. A 2-piece bengaline with bustle back and slim knee-length skirt. Hat by Su Modiste. (Ronny Shinder photo)

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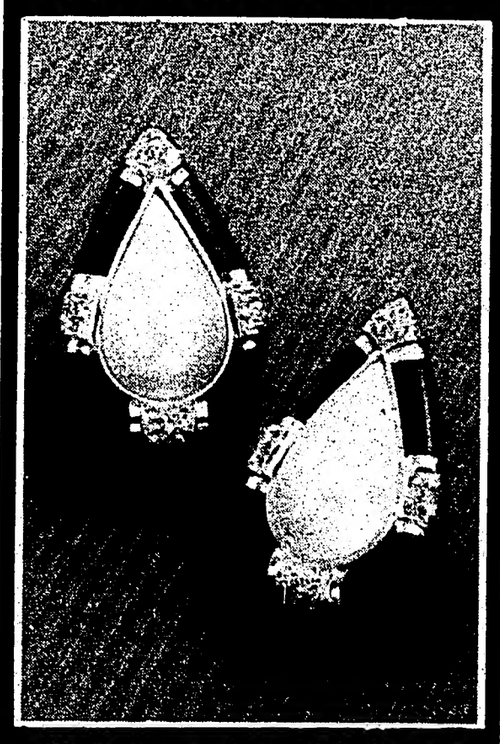

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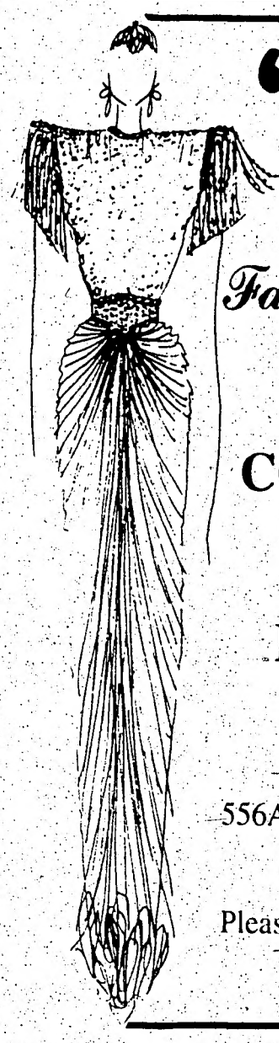

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Mediterranean ambience

Italian-influenced Lugano perfect place for lovers

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

LUGANO, Switzerland — Soft, sighing breezes, gently swaying palm trees, a profusion of semi-tropical vegetation, bright, sunny weather, and the pastel hues of southern Europe strike you immediately as you enter Lugano.

This cosmopolitan city shatters all your illusions about Switzerland as a sober, Nordic, physically craggy nation.

Here, in the Italian canton of Ticino, the surprising diversity of Switzerland manifests itself for all to see. In Lugano, set on the shores of a shimmering lake invariably dotted with brightly-colored sailboats, the brio of Italy bubbles forth like frothy champagne.

Ticino is different. Predominantly Italian, it is the sunniest canton and the only one to lie entirely south of the towering Alps. Containing 4% of Switzerland's population of 6.6 million, Ticino is the Swiss riviera.

Like all cities and towns in Ticino, Lugano exudes a definite Mediterranean ambience. From the moment I arrived, perspiring in the sudden heat, I knew that I had entered another geographical and social realm — far from relatively austere urban bastions like Zurich, Bern or Basel.

The Palm Express, which goes to Lugano via Italy, prepared me for Ticino. Now in its second year, the Palm Express is run by the Swiss Postbus Service, and the idea behind it is to provide a tourist with a bird's eye view of the kaleidoscopic region extending from approximately St. Moritz to Lugano and neighboring towns such as Locarno and Ascona.

I got on the bus in St. Moritz, the renowned resort in the Upper Engadine Valley where snowy peaks dominate the pastoral landscape, and where Romansch, a Latin tongue, is widely spoken.

Within one hour of setting out, the German influence gave way to an Italianesque atmosphere. And as the bus dipped into verdant valleys, negotiating hairpin turns on mountain passes, alpine Switzerland faded gradually away.

In the village of Promontogno, redolent of Tuscany, the road became so narrow that a car heading in the opposite direction had to back up in order to let our bus pass by. In the border hamlet of Castasegno, informal policemen checked our passports and waved us into Italy.

Once we had reached Chiavenna, just 330 metres above sea level, I knew we were definitely in Italy. The stucco buildings, washed in white and off-yellow, were crowned by rounded red ridge tiles. On verandas, women in black hung laundry to dry. And in a piazza in front of the railway station, swarthy men gathered in knots, conversing with extravagant hand gestures, their sing-song voices wafting across the trees.

After a short break, the bus pulled away, and soon we were passing the placid, sparkling waters of Lake Como. In Menaggio, a pleasant town nestled on a hillside a short distance from Lugano, we stopped yet again for a coffee break, and watched a solemn religious procession wending its way into a dark, narrow street which the sunlight had not yet flooded.

After settling into my hotel in Lugano, the elegant and centrally-located Bellevue au lac, I walked along the tree-shaded lakeside promenade, filled with animated people enjoying a Sunday stroll.

On benches, near flowerbeds ablaze with azaleas and rhododendrons, young couples oblivious to their surroundings gazed across the expanse of Lake Lugano, stealing kisses, a romantic tableau I never saw in northern Switzerland.

Lugano is made for walkers. Stroll through the twisting streets of the old quarter, along Via Nassa, the main artery, and you will pass exquisite shops and fine cafes with the heady aroma of fresh-brewed coffee.

In the Piazza Reforma, you can pause for a moment and admire the perfect symmetry of the neo-Classical town hall, and then proceed to the Cathedral of San Lorenzo, whose terrace gives you a a good view of the city.

The 1-hour boat cruise on Lake Lugano is relaxing and certainly recommended. If time is no problem, you should get off at Campione, an Italian enclave in Swiss territory, and catch the boat back to Lugano some 2 hours later.

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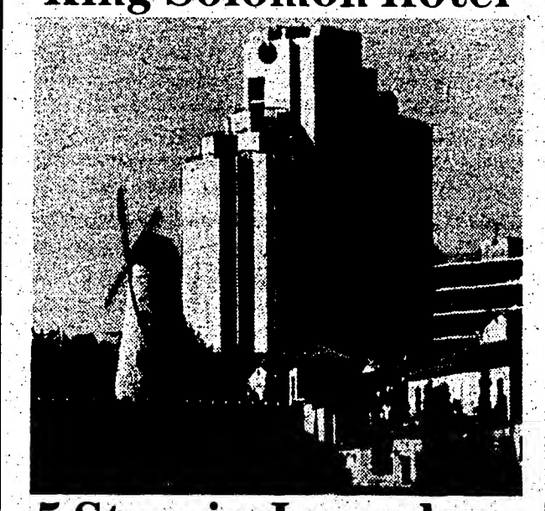
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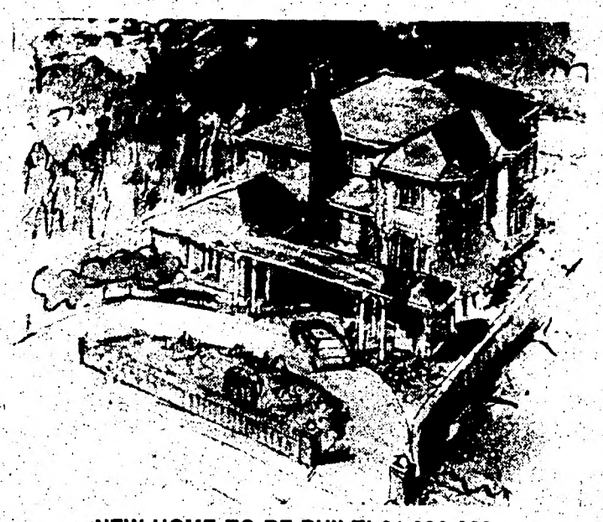

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Condo - 1-1½ bdrms., North Miami Beach, Point East, on the water. Min. 4 months. $1,000 U.S. Decorator furnished. All amenities. 412-856-1300.

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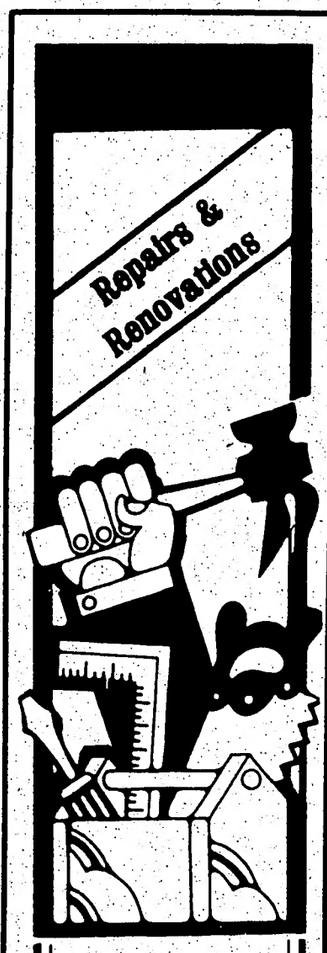

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Miller, Morris on July 18, late of 839 Roselawn Ave., Apt. #306.

Reingewurtz, Jeno on July 18, late of 35 Canyon Ave.

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Saksznajder, Fajga on July 18, late of 8 Kingsbridge Court #202.

Abramczyki, Szyj on July 26, 1987, late of 168 Humewood Dr.

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Owner had original wall hangings designed

Making baby's room special is store's speciality

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

MARKHAM — From bright colorful wall hangings to cribs and car seats, Cribs and Comforts has everything new parents would want to decorate their baby's room.

Open since the fall and located in Markham Supercentre, Cribs and Comforts specializes in coordinating furniture, wallpaper and all the extras that make a baby's room so cheerful.

Owner Jonathan Starr says that what distinguishes his store from others is that his company manufactures its own wall hangings.

"Anyone can go to a factory and buy softwear. I wanted mine to be special, so I hired a designer who has produced some original wall hangings."

Some of the decorations designed for Starr include a bright red, green and blue parrot on a white background, a pastel airplane in blues and greens and a yellow and blue sailboat.

Baseball fans will be pleased to note that Starr has tied down the rights to sell major league baseball quilts designed with the logos of any of the 26 teams. He will start selling Toronto Blue Jays and Montreal Expos quilts in the fall.

Starr says that the manufacturing side of his business is a tremendous challenge because he has to coordinate every piece he sells from concept to finished product.

"I've even learned how to sew in case something has to get out in a real hurry."

He hopes to start selling his wall hangings, under the name of Starrworks, to specialty and department stores.

Starr makes gift-giving easier for family and friends of new parents with his gift registry service.

"Expectant parents come in and select anything they would like for a gift. It's good for them because they get what they like and it is easier for the gift-giver because all they have to do is pick up the phone, and we will deliver the present."

As well, Starr prints baby announcements complete with the child's name, and sends congratulatory notes to all his customers.

"It's such a happy business. My customers are all so excited, I can't help getting caught up in it."

Waterfront property 1987 prices higher

TORONTO — Strong demand and a shortage of listed waterfront properties in major Ontario recreational areas have put upward pressure on 1987 prices.

These are the findings listed in the latest Town and Country Properties survey from Royal LePage Real Estate Services Ltd.

Out of 18 areas surveyed, close to half reported a relatively low supply of vacant lots listed for sale, including the Barrie/Sutton and St. Lawrence River areas.

"Since 1984, we've seen a steady increase in both the number of sales and the average price of recreational properties," says Elmar Moser, vice-president and divisional general manager, Royal LePage Residential Real Estate Services, Eastern and Northern Ontario.

"The increase in popularity can be attributed to a number of factors, most notably, the decline in interest rates and the fact that demand for waterfront property is greater than the supply of good listings, particularly in the low and middle-price ranges," says Moser.

According to Sue Cumberland, manager of Royal LePage's Town and Country Properties Department, some of the strongest activity has occurred in prime areas such as Muskoka, Georgian Bay, the Kawarthas, Lake Simcoe, the Thousand Islands/St. Lawrence, and Rideau Lakes System.

"Of course, prices vary from one recreational area to another, depending on the size of the lake and the distance from major centres," adds Moser.

Prices quoted in the Royal LePage Town and Country Properties Survey reflect the median starting price ranges in each district, based on both data and opinion supplied by Royal LePage Real Estate personnel in Ontario. Copies of the full survey can be obtained by contacting the Town and Properties Dept., 39 Wynford Dr., Don Mills; (416) 445-9500.

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With the fashion industry and boiler equipment on his brain, founder Jerry Shapiro set out to take Toronto by steam. With lots of sales savvy and the use of an original outdoor billboard, Shapiro started advertising.

The highly visible Tex-Appeal truck could be found strategically parked outside buildings on Spadina Ave., Peter St. and the King Edward Hotel.

This basic and cost-efficient marketing technique, combined with Shapiro's ambition quickly brought business to the loading docks.

With increasing demand for Tex-Appeal's services, the warehouse space was soon bursting at the seams, says Shapiro, and Tex-Appeal's reputation as an emergency garment centre was confirmed as major importers and retailers arrived with truckloads of garments.

As Tex-Appeal grew, so did management requirements. Expansion was inevitable. Shapiro met up with Michael Mandel, the supplier from whom he purchased his hangers. Shapiro knew almost immediately that his mechanical aptitude and sales ability would be mutually beneficial with Mandel's knowledge of the Toronto fashion market and his administrative skills.

In January of this year Tex-Appeal relocated to a new facility of 20,000 sq. ft. to meet the increasing demand.

Mandel and Shapiro work up to 16-hour days to manage an increasing customer load. On no two days does the warehouse floor look the same.

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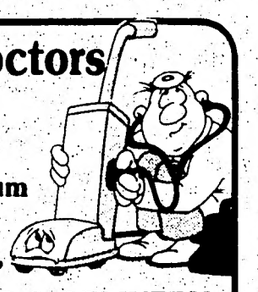
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Business Outlook

Dentist sells hot dogs

Kart offers quick kosher treats

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
It's an odd combination — dentistry and a kosher food business — but dentist-entrepreneur Jerry Jesin finds them compatible.

Recently, the 26-year-old dentist whose practice is in Thornhill, embarked on a new business — a mobile Kosher Kart that sells barbecued hot dogs, potato chips and cold beverages, under the supervision of COR, the Kashruth Department of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Moving from the First Canadian Place at King and Bay to Yonge Street at Eglinton or Sheppard, or over to Wellesley at Bay, the Kosher Kart enables business people to grab a quick lunch or snack. And if you happen to be a baseball fan, you can grab a kosher hot dog from the Kosher Kart outside the Exhibition's Dufferin Gates.

Jesin points out that the buns are mezonot, which means there is no need for washing and reciting the motzi.

Excited about his new venture, Jesin says that there are already plans to extend the products sold at the Kosher Kart. And he has plans to add more "outlets" to serve different areas of the city at the same time.

Jesin, who hires students to man the venture, says that the food business comes naturally to him. "My father has always been in the food business. He owns Chai Kosher Poultry."

Even though Jesin senior encouraged his six children to become professionals — the five boys are doctors, dentists and lawyers — Jesin junior says some of his father's business acumen rubbed off on him. He says he has always been an entrepreneur and he operates a swim school called J G & R Aquatics.

He loves cooking and says that he does most of the cooking at home instead of his wife.

"Business is booming at the Kosher Kart."

But what pleases Jesin most is that his kosher products are competitive with non-kosher vendors — $2 for a large knucker, $2.50 for one that's a foot long and 75 cents for a beverage.

"We have been pleasantly surprised that many people who are not observant are buying from the Kosher Kart." He adds, that although he has to pay "a bit more" for kosher products, he decided to keep the price competitive, "and it's working out very well."

Jesin says that until the Kosher Karts are at permanent locations, you can call the Kashruth Department (635-9550) for the daily locations of the Kart.

Dr. Jerry Jesin hires students to operate his Kosher Kart business.

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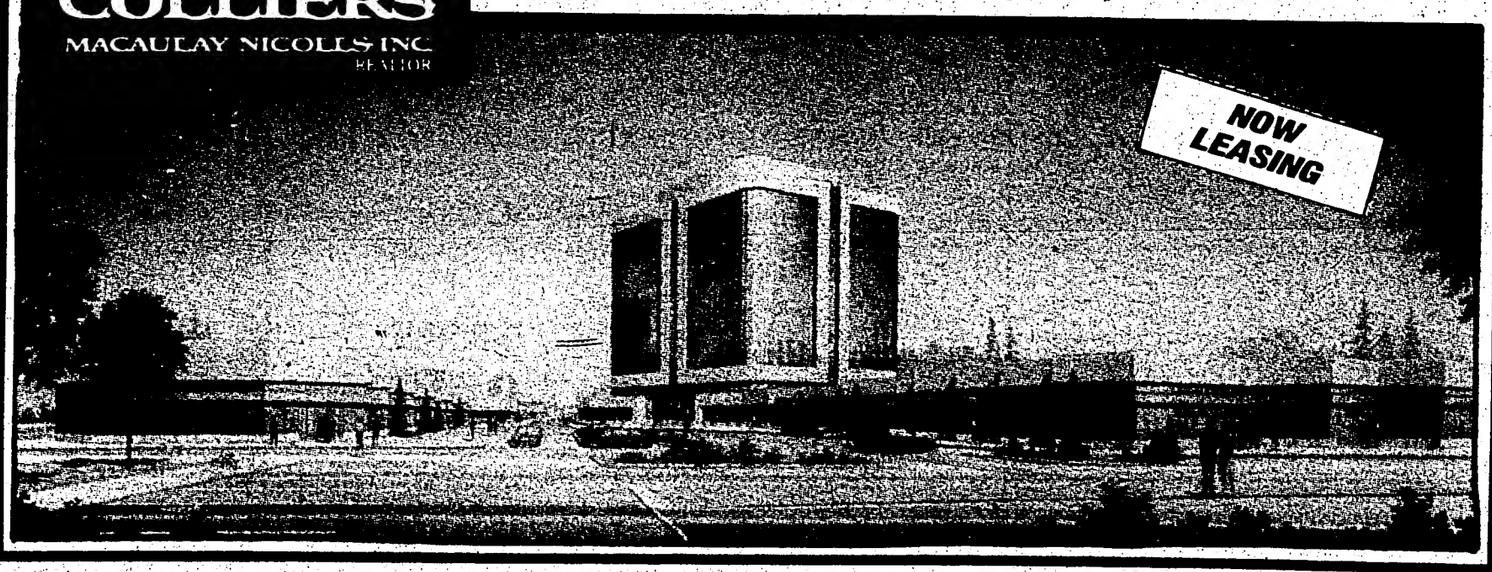

Business Outlook

Brian Haspel (left) and Les Horenfeldt are building their own grass cutting and window cleaning business. [Miriam Chinsky photo]

They do windows...and grass

Seasonal venture growing

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —
Summertime, and the livin' ain't easy.

At least, not for Brian Haspel and Les Horenfeldt, co-owners of Student Window-Clean Services, who now are working a 60-hour week but were putting in even longer hours — "practically around the clock" — at the beginning of the season.

Haspel, 26, a chartered accountant, and Horenfeldt, 25, a final-year accounting student, are experiencing a tremendous sense of accomplishment as they build a thriving seasonal business.

Both Haspel and Horenfeldt are University of Toronto bachelor of commerce graduates with experience in public accounting, yet they say they wouldn't trade what they are doing now for the glitziest offices in the sleekest tower. They have no regrets about exchanging suits and ties for shorts and T-shirts.

Student Window-Clean was started 5 years ago by a high-school student washing windows to earn money during vacation. Haspel became a partner and later bought him out.

Horenfeldt entered the picture earlier this year. The two friends joined forces to purchase a grass cutting company plus a new pickup truck and incorporate as sole shareholders in the two-pronged operation.

Haspel supervises the window cleaning, trains staff, does the billing, checks closely on customer satisfaction and keeps his hand in, washing windows.

Horenfeldt is in charge of grass cutting, lining up crews and helping with accounts receivable. As well, he has become deeply bronzed pushing a lawnmower across miles and miles of grass. Though he scarcely knew one end of a machine from the other, he's become resourceful with a screwdriver and wrench, maintaining the mowers at peak efficiency.

Finding capable, reliable staff is an ongoing challenge. Haspel and Horenfeldt consider themselves lucky to have a "great workforce" of 16 employees including a production manager and secretary, almost all university or college students.

Grass cutters and window cleaners earn $6-$8 an hour and work a 30- to 35-hour week.

Clientele is heavily residential in both divisions. A wider commercial/industrial base is one of their goals for next year.

The grass cutting service, which includes trimming bushes and hedges, is fully booked in its first summer.

"We have contracts carrying us right through October," Horenfeldt notes. "We're going to need more crews next year."

Spring and fall clean-ups and eavestrough clearing are also arranged.

Window washing relies less on contracts at this stage and new clients can be accommodated.

At present, Student Window-Clean Services operates in North York, Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Unionville, Markham and North Toronto, but is investigating expansion next spring into Scarborough and Mississauga.

The company is a member of North York Home Care and Service Association, a consumer referral service which stresses "integrity before profit."

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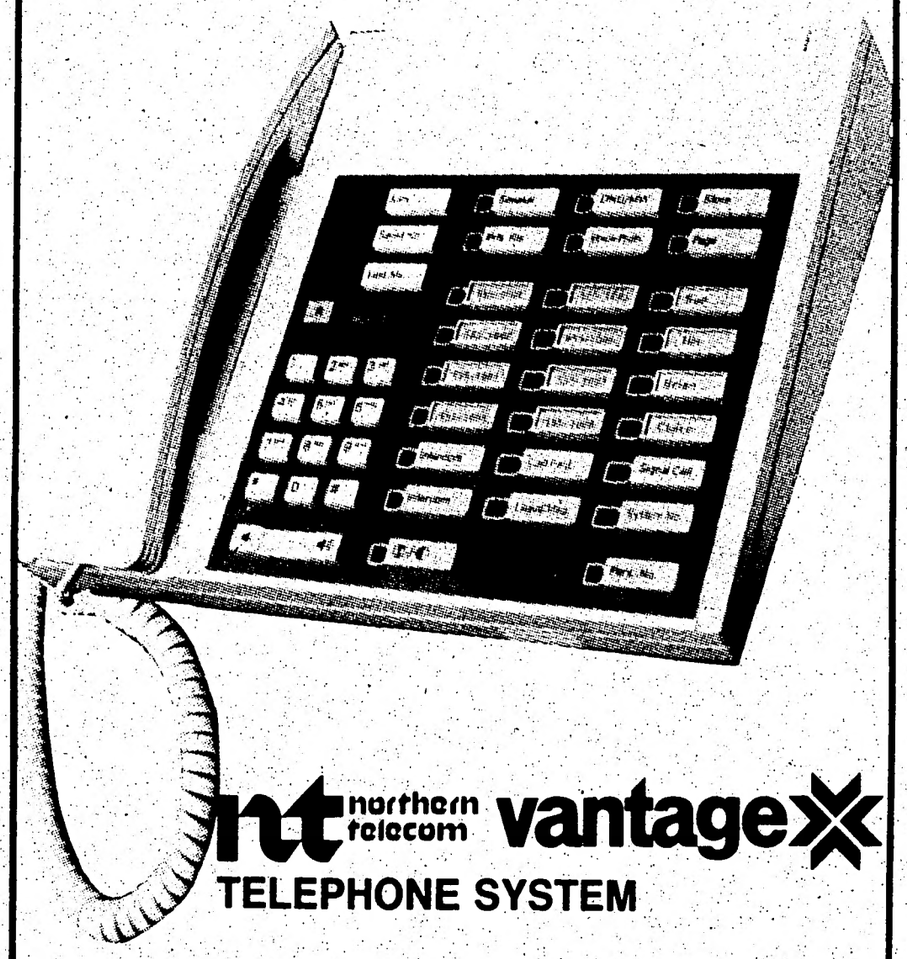

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